

I have seen the future...

...and it doesn't work.

Robert Fulford

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Results official

by Neal Watson

After five days of counting ballots, the results of the SU general election are finally official.

Only one of the positions changed from the results announced early Saturday morning. Jim Shinkaruk was re-elected to the Board of Governors position, defeating SU President Floyd Hodgins by 31 votes.

Mike Nickel (President), Caroline Nevin (VP Academic), Gayle Morris (VP External), Scott Richardson (VP Internal), and Rob Splane (VP Finance and Administration) were all confirmed in their positions with the re-count.

The new executive members assume office May first.

However, controversy continues to plague Chief Returning Officer Michael Brings.

Certain members of the Returning Office staff, including former Deputy Chief Returning Officer Gunnar Blodgett, say they refuse to work for Brings anymore because they say he refused to continue with repeated countings of the ballots to confirm their accuracy and did not order a re-count until receiving complaints from candidates.

The former staff members are collecting signatures to bring to the attention of students the irregularities of the counting process.

Ninette Gironella, last year's Chief Returning Officer, said in a letter released to Brings and the Gateway that Brings "willingly and knowingly violated the neutrality of the Returning Office." Gironella charged that Brings consulted with Ken Bosman, No-CFS leader, on the issue of CFS pre-campaigning before making a ruling on the issue.

When contacted last night, Brings called the charges a "crock" and a "smear campaign" against him.

"They're going to try to pull whatever they can," he said.

"I don't want to substantiate what's been said," Brings said. "I've had a good rapport with the staff I've got to know and I think I have the support for all the executive."

"I am responsible for the election," he said.

Brings admitted that the possibility of another re-count was quite good. A petition with 25 names is what it takes for a re-count.

As for the "confirmed" executives, they expressed relief that the counting was finally over.

President-elect Mike Nickel thanked all his campaign workers and said he would be sitting down with the other executive members to discuss priorities.

"Hopefully we can work together to get the job done," he said.

Nickel also expressed disappoint-

ment with the Gateway's coverage of the election, and the fact the Gateway endorsed candidates editorially.

"I don't think it's the place of the Gateway," he said.

VP External-elect Gayle Morris said the new executive members must start work right away.

"We have a common interest in helping students," she said. "There is so much to learn. We need some continuity."

Caroline Nevin, VP Academic-elect, called for a re-assessment of the election process.

"If that means bringing in outside groups to monitor the process, so be it."

Nevin said she felt she would be able to work with the three members of an alternate slate.

"Any group of individuals chosen for SU executive will be working for the same goals," she said.

VP Finance and Administration-elect Rob Splane said he was satisfied with the qualifications of all the new executive members and their ability to work together.

"Everybody wants a change from the divided council," he said.

Splane said a priority for him would be to assess the waste in the SU and "wipe it out."

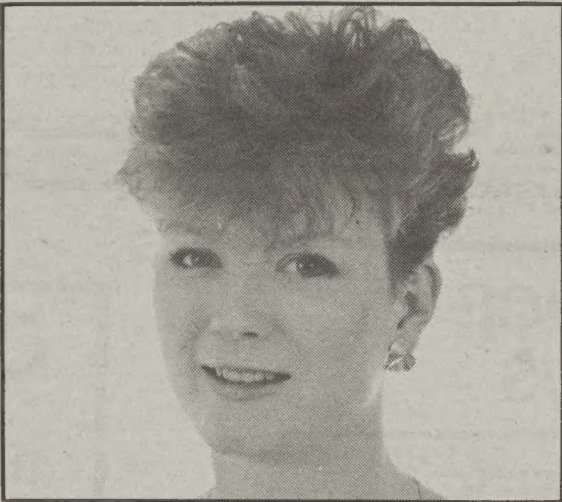


Photo: Tim Kubash

Meet your new SU executives. Clockwise, they are President-elect Mike Nickel, VP External-elect Gayle Morris, VP Finance and Administration-elect Rob Splane, and VP Academic-elect Caroline Nevin. The fifth member, VP Internal-elect Scott Richardson was unavailable for a photo.

Feds come through for students

by Bill Doskoch

\$205 million was allocated by the federal government last week to create 95,000 summer jobs. However, the real question is: how much do Alberta students benefit?

"\$12.71 million is available for the Student Employment and Experience Development (S.E.E.D.) program in Alberta," said Alan Widdows, provincial manager of the employment development branch of Employment and Immigration Canada in Edmonton.

"That is out of the \$163 million available nationally," said Widdows.

He estimated that 5,000 jobs should be created with the money, compared to 2,800 summer jobs that were created with \$7 million last year under the Summer Career Access and Summer Canada programs last year.

"S.E.E.D. subsidizes students' wages and benefits. The amount of the subsidy is conditional on whether the private sector, a non-profit organization or a municipality is involved," said Widdows.

"Another program is the student entrepreneur program, which will assist students in setting up their own businesses," said Widdows. "It isn't finalized yet because negotiations between the federal and provincial governments are on-

going but things look promising."

The "Hire-a-Student" offices and funding for federal departments to hire additional staff are continued from last year, Widdows said.

Two new programs, Work Orientation Workshops and Business Drive For Jobs, are available this year, said Widdows.

"The workshops are directed at

helping secondary students who have no career plans and are in danger of dropping out of school," explained Widdows, "and the Drive is an umbrella program to get businesses to set and achieve target figures for hiring students."

Widdows had no specific figures on how much funding would be directed to the non S.E.E.D. pro-

grams or how many student jobs would be created in total, but said the programs should be finalized by the end of February.

Widdows didn't feel this would adversely affect students.

"We can start things moving quickly. There should be no fear programs won't be up and running in time," asserted Widdows.

SU election cost big bucks

by Neal Watson

The recently completed SU general election cost the students' union about \$26,000.

Two days of voting, a re-count that took two days, more polling staff and the increased number of candidates increased the cost to about \$26,000, says VP Finance Christine Ens.

"Everything is tentative right now," said Ens. "But that figure is probably quite accurate."

The increase in the number of candidates is the primary reason for the increased cost of this year's election, said Ens, but the re-count and the increased number of hours for the security personnel to guard ballot boxes also contributed. Twenty-seven candidates contested the

five executive positions and the B of G position.

Last year's election cost about \$28,000. In that election, there were 12 candidates and that figure includes the by-election for VP External, which had 11 candidates, and the CFS referendum in Oct. of 1983.

The SU election in Feb. of 1982 cost about \$13,000.

"The delay was costly in two areas" said Ens. "We needed more people to count and the wages for security guards." The re-count and the increased security hours cost about \$2,000 in total.

According to Ens, a full slate, including a Board of Governors candidate, was allotted \$1,300. The Progressive Alternative and Initiatives '85 received the full amount.

The Skip Slate and the Ballas slate received \$1,150 each. The Sesek slate got \$1,000.

An independent candidate would get \$500.

Each side of the referendum battle got \$1,000 for a total of \$4,000.

Other expenses include 3,606 for advertising, and \$6,500 for staff costs of the Returning Office.

Controversy over the length of time required to count the ballots has many questioning that process of the returning office.

Ens suggested that some "set procedure" must be established for the Returning Office.

"There must be some system to follow," she said. "The counting process fluctuates from year to year."

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University funding freeze likely

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Prairie post-secondary institutions weathering this year's cold winter will likely be caught in the deep freeze for some time.

Provincial governments in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have all hinted or announced that they will freeze university and college funding next year. Most will deliver final word in late March.

Institutions all across the three provinces are thinking of either cutting back on the number of programs, courses and professors or introducing massive tuition fee increases.

The University of Calgary is a case in point. University Vice-President P.J. Krueger says the administration may cut 78 faculty and 90 staff positions this year to stave off its \$5.1 million deficit estimated for 1985-86.

"There are political advantages to saying to the students and people of Alberta that tuition fees are being kept at zero," he said. "(But this) will have an impact on the quality of education we can offer students."

In Saskatchewan, the picture is even more chilling. The Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan say they only cope with impending shortfalls in funding by laying off scores of staff and faculty.

The University of Regina must increase tuition fees and cut whole programs as well. According to a board of governors' proposal recently released, administrators plan to increase fees by 15 per cent, close the campus sculpture studio and conservatory and cancel the inter-varsity athletics program. Tuition fees increased by more than 19 per cent during the last eight months.

Students are circulating a petition against the proposal, but administrators say they must take drastic

measures to cope with the university's \$3 million deficit, which will increase if the funding freeze goes ahead. The proposal would also eliminate non-credit courses for 12,000 students and throw 65 people out of work.

In Manitoba, the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg need more than a five per cent increase in funding to maintain current services.

The University of Manitoba might axe whole departments in response says faculty association president

Vic Forese. R.P. Kell, board of governors member, says the freeze means the university will not be able to bargain in good faith with its workers.

The university's student council has called for a four per cent funding increase and across the board freeze on university salaries. It says it will also accept a four per cent tuition fee increase if need be. This is the third time that the council has recommended a fee increase.

Food bank volunteers

by Pat Sytnick

The Edmonton Food bank is looking for student volunteers to do jobs related to their university studies.

The demand for the Foodbank's services has grown over 500 per cent since July of 1983 and consequently they need volunteers from almost every faculty to do work more specialized than packing or delivering food.

In particular, the agency needs home economics students to act as nutrition consultants, fine arts students to design signs and brochures and basic arts students to write and handle publicity.

Gerard Kennedy, director of the Foodbank says they also need students from the faculties of commerce, agriculture, engineering and architecture to name only a few.

The Edmonton Foodbank was established four years ago and was the first organization of its kind in Canada. The need for the agency's services has grown rapidly and Kennedy estimates that over the past two years, they have gone from preparing 15 hampers a day to now preparing over 130.

Figures from 1984 indicate that this food is feeding about 15,000 people each month.

The Foodbank tries to do more than simply hand out food to the hungry and generally it does not distribute its food to the public. Instead the food is sent to churches and non-profit organizations like the John Howard Society.

These organizations are responsible for deciding who is in need and are distributing the food accordingly.

According to Kennedy, this distribution system makes it more likely that people will get more than just food aid. He believes its critical to put people in touch with agencies that provide counselling and referral services because such help can begin to deal with people's long-term problems and poverty.

In his words, handing out food only provides short-term relief which is "at best like applying a band-aid to a bigger problem."

Anyone interested in helping out can drop by the Prince of Wales Armory at 10440 108 St, or call Gerard Kennedy or Nora at 425-4190.

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Gateway considers legal action against Grind

by Olga Jagodnik

An editorial containing a personal attack on Gateway editor-in-chief Gilbert Bouchard published in the *Grind* newsletter yesterday has Gateway staff in an uproar.

The editorial by *Grind* editor Mike Hunter calls Bouchard "self-serving and self-righteous" and says, "your journalistic integrity is matched only by your intelligence—which is to say, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY." It ends with a warning: that U of A students "don't need that sort of crap."

Bouchard said that he "will not stoop to the level of the *Grind*, by counter-attacking Hunter." He said he does not understand Hunter's comments since "I have never mentioned his name in print. If the *Grind* wants to be competition to the Gateway it will have to clean up its act. Personal attacks don't do anything for the *Grind's* credibility and if they persist we will consider legal action."

Students' Union Business Manager Tom Wright says that he believes Hunter's attacks are "personal" and that he wishes "the two papers could exist without this nitpicking." He adds that these comments "don't have any journal-

New centre

by John Watson

One of the U of A's more recent projects is a centre dealing with the interests and concerns of the aged.

A little over 20 months old, the centre for Gerontology defines its objectives as research, education, and service.

Although the centres current activities are limited, many may be of interest.

One idea which, if developed, should become successful is the mentor program whereby remedial classes could be run by retired professors.

Though the program is still just an idea, with overworked instructors and increasing class sizes, it seems like a good one.

The centre also runs the U-age colloquium lecture series. An ongoing series dealing with new developments to old problems concerning the aged.

The most recent lecture was delivered by Dr. Tom Nelson, Chairman of the Board of the centre, and dealt with a board game of Dr. Nelson's invention.

"Angels and Devils" was developed to "promote communication between staff and patients" in nursing homes; and appears to be a success.

The centre, located in 6-12 Humanities, currently only has funding to operate on a restricted schedule, 12:30 -4:30 weekdays.

Tupper in

by Susan Sutton

The Department of Political Science has a new chairman.

Dr. Allan Tupper was appointed to the position recently. He begins his five year term on July 1, 1985.

Tupper has been with the department since July of 1976. He will continue teaching and doing research while in office.

His position involves providing leadership in the department's two basic areas of activity, teaching and research.

"I will be responsible for the general intellectual life of the department, as well as maintaining the quality of teaching and research. We will be meeting obligations to students and the wider community," he said. "We'll try to do an even better job at what we're doing now, and strengthen the department. I don't think there are any major changes that I have in mind."

istic integrity; they're a slap in the face, and that the two papers should stop this petty bickering." Having two papers at U of A could be healthy for both of them, if only competition could be allowed, he said.

Last week, the *Grind* published a letter written by Maria Shultz in which Shultz questioned Gateway editorial staff salaries and work ethics. Saying that the staff were paid \$1,200 each per month and seldom worked, amounted to being paid \$1 per word published.

Staff are paid from \$250 per month depending on whether they share their department's salary with another editor, to \$800 per month for the editor-in-chief.

Student paper seized

VICTORIA (CUP) The University of Victoria student council has seized control of its student newspaper's finances, saying it is financially irresponsible at a time when the newspaper actually costs students less money than it ever has before.

Though the *Martlet* has gone over its budget by some \$12,000 the staff thinks it has operated efficiently and in a financially sound manner.

This year the *Martlet* was granted a \$30,000 subsidy by council, \$3,000 more than last year. In the interim however, the *Martlet* was given control of council's production shop, which racked up a loss in excess of \$25,000 last year.

In effect, the *Martlet* has saved more than \$10,000 in student money, but council has stepped in and demanded salary cuts and a substantially higher advertisement to copy ratio.

Council says it wants only to make financial, not editorial, decisions, but *Martlet* co-editor Mike O'Brien says council interference in the newspaper's day-to-day affairs amounts to a breach of editorial autonomy.

Council faces revenue shortfalls and is taking the hatchet to several campus groups, including the *Martlet*.

"We have to protect our finan-

Bouchard said he spends between 50 to 60 hours weekly on the paper and working often until three o'clock on Monday and Wednesday mornings doing layout. All editorial staff are required to do the same.

Responding to the student's letter about whether Gateway reaches the number of students that the *Grind* and CJSR do, Bouchard says that it's like comparing "apples and orange," but that past polls taken of Gateway readership indicate that at least 90 per cent of students read the paper regularly.

Gord Stamp, Students' Union VP Internal agrees with Bouchard's salary figures and says that students union salaries, also misquoted in

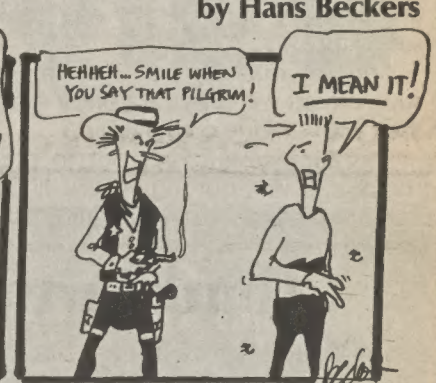
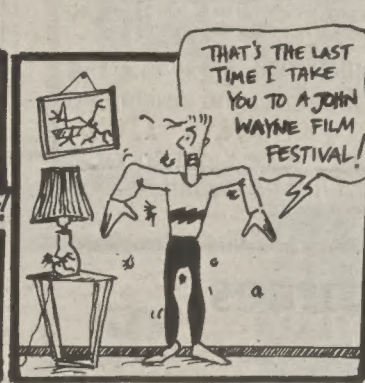
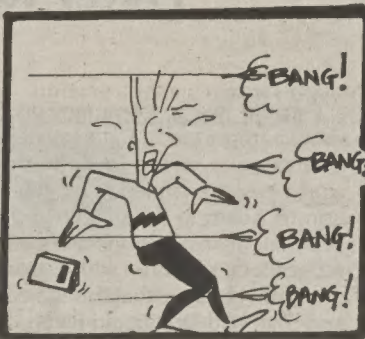
ces," says council president Rosemin Keshvani.

Co-editor Kim Balfour has given up her paid position, while other staff members are taking a pay reduction of 12 per cent. The paper must now run a minimum of 50 per cent advertising.

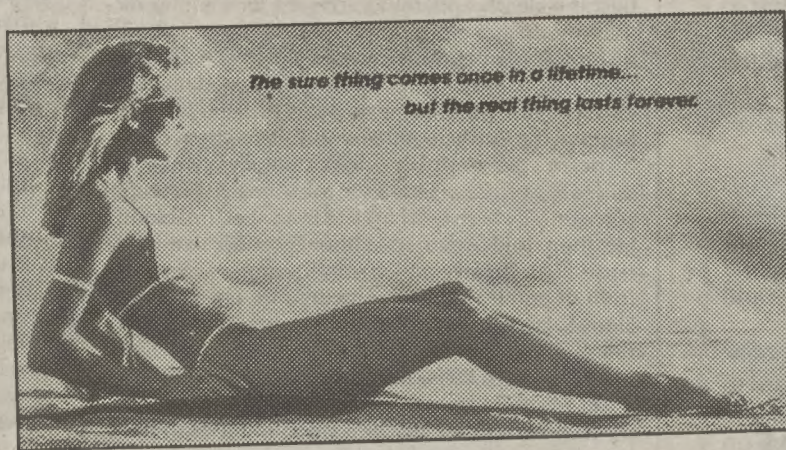
The *Martlet* produced one "protest" issue, containing more than 70 per cent advertising, including ads on the front cover, but is pinning its hopes on a March fee referendum.

"We're trying to win an autonomy referendum and our chances of success are reduced by the cuts in quality caused by student council's actions," says O'Brien. The *Martlet* will be asking students for \$3 a semester to fund the paper.

Yard Apes



by Hans Beckers



The Gateway

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EDITORIAL

To dispel the myth

"We have no gays or handicapped people working for the Students' Union."

The above quote was uttered by an elected representative of your Students' Union. That person's intentions can only be speculated on, but the tone is crystal clear.

Of course, that person is speaking out of ignorance. Not the evil ignorance—the ignorance of the Klan, or even the run-of-the-mill bigot—but an ignorance based on an alienation with reality. That Students' Union official, like many of us, is just plain unknowledgeable about homosexuals.

Yes, there are homosexuals working for the Students' Union, and the university, and the government, and the churches of the land, and probably even for the company that you worked for last summer.

A full ten per cent of the world's population is gay and lesbian, and that ten per cent is evenly spread across Canada's socio-economic strata. There is no society in the world, and there is no section of any society in the world that has no homosexuals.

But unlike most other minorities, gays and lesbians are practically invisible. Invisibility due both to the gay communities desire for anonymity, but mainly because of societies pressure to keep gays in the closet, and not to acknowledge their existence.

This invisibility creates a situation where the majority of society is wandering about with no personal experience with the gay and lesbian minority. In absence of any actual knowledge, people make up their opinions of gays and lesbians on hearsay, mis information from the media and often just from their own fears and insecurities.

Most of these opinions are extraordinarily erroneous, and malicious.

That's why this issue of the Gateway is publishing the first-ever Gay and Lesbian supplement — our Pink Triangle supplement. We're printing this supplement to help dispel some of those erroneous opinions and to help battle the ignorance on the subject.

This supplement is for both our straight and homosexual readers. For our straight readers, we're providing a convenient and easy way to get factual and honest information on the gay subculture.

And for our gay and lesbian readers, we hope that this supplement will provide a bit of moral support and insight into their own unique community.

This supplement isn't out to preach; it isn't out to rattle rhetoric; it isn't out to convert: It's out to provide information and no one is against information.

Gilbert Bouchard

Third party blues

DIE Board has tossed, a red-hot spud, the issue of third-party campaigning, back into the lap of Students' Council.

At present, By-law 300 of the Students' Union (Nominations and Elections) puts numerous restrictions on candidates and campaigners in SU elections. There are time limits, limits on money spent, limits on the number of banners displayed, and so on. Since the SU dishes out the campaign money *after* the campaign, and its Returning Officer and DIE Board monitor the various parties during the election with eagle eyes, it is not too difficult to keep the candidates and campaigners themselves well-behaved.

But what happens when people outside the campaign start taking an interest in the outcome? Certain wind-up editors and politicians, after all, are constantly emitting sermons against apathy. What happens when some poor student, goaded beyond endurance by these sermons, starts printing guerrilla leaflets and posters?

Banning such activities outright is the present solution, but its drawbacks are obvious. For one thing, such guerrillas are hard to catch. For another, their shenanigans can swing elections, and re-running elections is very costly. Finally, the limitations on freedom of speech is irksome. Perhaps even unconstitutional (I'm talking about the Canadian constitution here).

On the other hand, a blanket license for third-party campaigning could be just as disastrous. It would be child's play, for instance, for the candidates and campaigners to set up third-party fronts ("Concerned Engineers for Don Millar," say, or "The People's Collective Against CFS"), and DIE Board would go crazy before it separated the genuine independents from the quislings.

What is to be done, then? We have a fine dilemma here and it will take a Solomon or three to solve it.

Should third parties have to register with the returning officer? Should their expenditures be deducted from the election expenses of the parties they back? What do you do with issues-oriented organizations who seem to support specific candidates? Should election subsidies be dropped altogether?

Various proposals will be aired, perhaps heatedly, as the SU attempts to grapple with the issue. Or perhaps the SU will simply ignore it, as it does with so many thorny problems.

As for me, I'm holding out for the only logical answer: referenda decided by the flip of a coin, and offices filled by Russian roulette, sudden-death elimination of candidates. Neither the campaigning nor the results would be any different than they are now.

Jens Anderson

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hee hee hee!



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Prayer 100

I would like to comment on Dr. David Suzuki's views as reported in Gateway (Jan. 31). Dr. Suzuki, in essence, was saying that the deterioration of the world ecology could be attributed to God's instruction to Adam to "dominate and subdue" the earth and that this instruction had been carried out literally especially in countries with a strong Judaeo-Christian tradition. I believe that this is a distortion of the truth and that, had Dr. Suzuki taken the time to read the Bible carefully, he might have arrived at a different conclusion. This dictum by God was taken out of context by Dr. Suzuki; if one was to read the Book of Genesis and the rest of the Bible carefully, it will become clearly apparent to the reader that this dictum was made before Adam's rebellion and fall. This dictum subsequently became invalid after Adam's act of rebellion. Adam automatically abdicated his overlordship of the earth to Satan (Jesus Christ referred to Satan as the "prince of this world") who then begun his destructive work. Let us look carefully at what God said to the serpent (Satan). He told him that He would place enmity between him and Eve's seed (mankind). He then told Adam that the "ground would be cursed" for his sake which subsequently resulted in a form of enmity between man and his environment. Since Satan gained control of the earth, it so logically follows that the enmity between man and Satan would result in the slow destruction of the world.

Dr. Suzuki is attempting to discredit the exquisite perfection of God's will and work and tries to bring Him down to a mortal level. It must be remembered that God created man after His own image. Since God is the epitome of perfection, it so logically follows that Adam was perfect (it must be remembered that the

image was that of a spiritual one consisting of the personal characteristics of God which are listed in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, meekness, gentleness, goodness, faith, temperance; this image is not a physical one). Had Adam continued in obedience to the Lord and ignored Satan, his descendants would have "dominated and subdued" the earth the way God had intended: a perfect and harmonious relationship between man and the environment rather than the present relationship that so concerns Dr. Suzuki. Man's sinful nature has directly led to the destruction of the environment.

Dr. Suzuki alludes to other religions and cultures that aren't steeped in the Judaeo-Christian tradition as examples of a balance between man and his environment. I am not sure why he is being selectively blind to some of the truths about what is really happening. He singled out India as an example of an harmonious balance between man and his environment. Obviously he hasn't visited Calcutta! In my readings about India and conversations with those who have been there, it is clearly apparent that there is much abuse of the environment there; water is not fit to drink due to pollution.

A final word to the wise from the Bible:

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave themselves up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves; who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator..." (Romans 1:21-25)

Roger Carver

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Balloting blues

As a long-term S.U. election worker, I was very impressed by the work of the C.R.O.'s five immediate assistants. Gunnar, Ninette, Pawan, Glenn and Blaine did a marvelous job of handling the various major chores involved in the election. I'd be glad to work with them again.

However, there were certain aspects of the conduct of the election—not within the province of the above individuals—that still puzzle me. One, which I was too busy counting at the time to worry about, is that a large number of truly-blank ballots turned up. These were left blank, rather than being voided. Another point that has me slightly disturbed: what was Ken Bosman doing counting ballots at the recounts. Do the latest amendments to the by-laws permit the campaign manager of the NO-CFS side of the referendum to handle ballots if they do not pertain to his referendum?

I certainly hope that these are trivial worries on my part, and not indicative of anything that would nullify the election. I enjoyed working on the main part of this election, but I really wouldn't want to have to do it over for reasons that reflected badly on the C.R.O.

Kathleen Moore
Business IV

What a frat boy!

Mike Nickel, Students' Union President. The charismatic leader who vaulted to the heights of power on the broad shoulders of the Great Root Bear. The man who once pleaded with a scantily-clad, brazen harlot, "I can't do it!" But can he do it? Obviously the fraternity girls who he enticed to vote for him think so. But what is the source of this power that he wields over the minions of the opposite sex? Does it rest in his always present scarf, which has the thick, pungent odor of Captain Highliner's finest blend? Or is it his rapidly receding hairline, proving once again that bladness is a sign of virility? I think you, the faithless denizens of the University of Alberta deserve an opportunity to look at the seedier side of this enigmatic public figure, who hails from the same fraternity system that brought you Skip, Biff, Cliff, Chip, and Muffy.

The early years were uneventful, not hinting at the greatness that was to come. His was a typical childhood; living in a palatial mansion in a small Alberta town, which was afforded by his father's thriving tombstone business. The affluence of the Nickel fam-

ily provided little Mikey with the best things that death could buy, stirring in Mike the desire to one day reach the highest tax bracket.

His present university career has been a case study in neurosis. Outwardly he exclaims to all who are unlucky enough to be around, "I AM NOT A COMMUNIST! I AM A CAPITALIST; A GOD-FEARING, RUSKIE HATING CAPITALIST!" But would such a person attempt to incorporate a scheme as socialistic as complete medical and dental coverage for all students? Outwardly this political science major dreams of law school, hoping to do all in his power to serve the Canadian justice system and punish all those who break the law and threaten the sanctity of our way of life. But did not the same Mike Nickel go to a hotel in a small town sixty miles northeast of Edmonton and in a heavy scotch induced stupor proceed to rip out a complete toilet and half of the hotel's plumbing system? Yes, this confused little man is now in charge of your Students' Union fees, which will be going to one hell of a victory party (by the way, if you cared to look, this fact was omitted on the Initiatives 85 campaign posters). Love him, hate him, don't even recognize him, one thing is for sure: in the words of glorious Chancellor Nickel himself, "I know more about nuclear waste than you do!"

Congrats, Michael.

Chuck Remson, Historian
Delta Kappa Epsilon

P.S. I wish to express my sympathies to Gilbert, Suzanne, Kent, and the others on their election predictions, which were expressed in the February 7 issues of the Gateway. How much money did you lose betting on Mondale and the Dolphins?

Thanks, guys!

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who worked in and supported the Progressive Alternative campaign for last week's election.

Although the results were not what we had hoped for we are proud of our contribution to the Students' Union; important issues were raised in an honest way and clear alternatives were offered. Your concern, hard work and friendship gave us strength and were the backbone of the campaign. Once again, thanks.

Don Millar
Sarah Wright
Brinton McLaughlin
Caroline Nevin
Dave Kuefler
Gayle Morris

SECOND WIND

by Mark Olyan

In her letter of Feb. 7, Carol Shaben reflects that "if lamenting the past causes people to ignore the present, then such remembrances are a disservice to us all."

In reality, Ms. Shaben is using the past as an excuse to distort the present. Having recently returned from Israel, I find her misplaced analogy with the atrocities of the Nazis, to be repugnant. The only thing that seemed to be missing from her letter was a Doctor with a white glove standing in the middle of the refugee camp directing some Arabs to the left and some to the right and weeding out only twins for experimentation. At times, Ms. Shaben's anti-Semitic views are so thinly masked, that her weak attempt to hide them, borders on the ridiculous, and certainly has no basis in fact.

In reading her letter, it is actually more educational to see what facts she studiously chose to overlook, rather than what she actually chose to include.

First of all, the Dheisheh refugee camp (located between Bethlehem and Hebron — not Jerusalem and Bethlehem as was reported) is self-run! The only thing the Israeli authorities wish, is for the road between Bethlehem and Hebron to be open for free passage by all vehicles. Currently, this is impossible as rock throwing from Dheisheh camp, which sits on both sides of the highway connecting the two cities, is a common occurrence. The tragedy of this whole business, is that the people doing the rock throwing

are primarily youngsters recruited by the P.L.O. to engage in disruptive activities. Ironically, the Israeli military, which Ms. Shaben chastises for terrorizing the refugee camp, has actually done a good job of keeping settler groups (lead by Rabbi Levenger), and the inhabitants of Dheisheh apart.

According to Ms. Shaben, Israel is re-enacting history by committing atrocities on Palestinians. Sorry, but the reality of the situation is profoundly different. Israel is the only democratic country in the Middle East. Being democratic, however, does not imply that Israel society is perfect, merely that it tries to approach problems with a Western democratic mentality. Like many other countries, Israel has many problems, and the answers to these problems are complex and will take time to resolve. I think that's why people like Ms. Shaben are disturbing to me; they look at the world in black and white terms, while the reality is somewhat different.

If one were to listen to Ms. Shaben, Shimon Peres would be the second coming of Adolf Hitler, Yitshak Shamir the heir apparent to Herman Goring, and average Israeli, an S.S. storm trooper, complete with truncheon and canister of Zyklon-B. Perhaps I was extraordinarily lucky, but over the course of a year in Israel, I failed to meet even one of these barbarians.

The perverse truth of Dheisheh is that people in the camp are now free to earn a living, raise their children, and travel in and out of the camp as they please. They enjoy much more freedom now than they had under Jordanian rule prior to 1967.

Israel may be many things, but it is not, and never will be, Nazi Germany. To suggest such a thing is an insult to the intelligence of every thinking Canadian.

by Shane Berg

Bear Country

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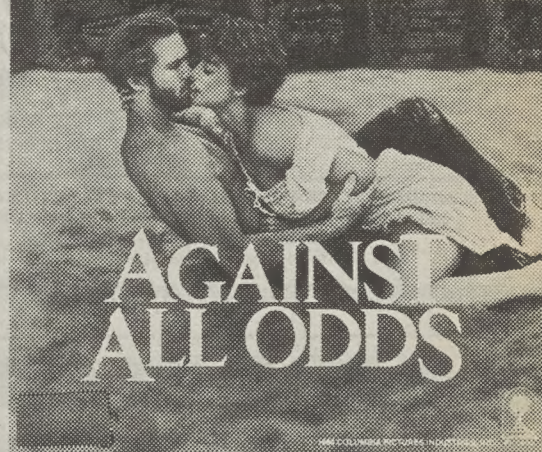
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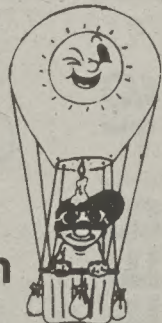
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MORE LETTERS

Israel: Another view

Dear Carol:

I was very glad to see that you are so sensitive to people's suffering. I share many of your concerns; however, I would like to remind you about some obvious points that somehow had escaped your attention. You may perceive the events in Israel today in any way you wish, but you should not forget that the country is in the state of war with most of its neighbours. The fact that you did not notice this war can not, in any way be attributed to peaceful intentions from across Israel's borders. On the contrary, the governments of those neighboring states have made their animosity towards Israel quite evident.

During the war any country will take measures that are not all that humanitarian: it will fight off its attackers, perhaps killing some of them, as well as inflicting number of civilian casualties. It also will introduce certain internal measure for maintaining security such as imposing curfews in some locations, and internment certain elements of its population. If you do not believe me, look back at a recent example when thousands of Japanese Canadians and Americans were put in the internment camps across our continent, by the Canadian and U.S. governments, which are quite humanitarian by all standards. There one difference between the North American and Middle Eastern situations: while most of Japanese North Americans were loyal to their governments and their countries, the Arabs are openly hostile to the state of Israel's existence.

It is not unnatural, that after forty years of animosity, many Israeli Jews do not have much brotherly feelings towards Arabs. It is not surprising, that some may even show it. Yet, the Arab members of Israeli parliament, constantly vowing for the destruction of the state, are allowed to voice their opinion inside the assembly, and there is at least one exit from the refugee camp Dehisheh. NO, THIS IS NOT AUSCHWITZ. This even beats the conditions under which Jews are kept in Arab countries. Syrian Jews, for instance, remaining in much smaller and definitely less threatening numbers, are kept in a ghetto, where the police does not spread pieces of paper, but smashes windows with clubs and sends in drunken mobs to loot. People are not 'convinced' by anybody to leave the country or the camp: they do not have freedom in travel inside Syria or to attend university, let alone to go abroad. Most importantly, Carol, foreigners like you can not visit them as you can visit Arabs in Dheisheh camp.

When the war declared by Arab states on Israel is over, then, I suppose, Israeli government could issue an apology to the Arab Israelies.

Until this war ends, however, your letter bears no sense, other than indication of your close-mindedness or ignorance (or both) as it fails to mention either the reason for, the score of, or the solution to the problems of the Middle East.

Alex Khazanovich
Engineering IV

Elections are weird

Why I chose not to vote.

My reason for not voting in the SU election is very straight forward: there is something very important missing in the SU election process—the (hopefully objective) evaluation of the statements and promises of candidates.

In general elections this role is played by the media. Reporters evaluate issues and personalities. That role needs to be filled by someone. I do not claim reporters are unbiased, but they can afford to make their biases known without losing credibility. I do not know any of the candidates personally, and I hate to depend in my choice only on their promises. What do you suppose I would tell you if I was after your vote! This is not to doubt the candidates, but I do want verification. Sure, I could do the evaluating myself, but I must confess a week before mid-term exams (sic) I have more pressing things to do than to visit with 29 candidates.

A candidate only tells me his promises and his good intentions. But I need to know more before I make an intelligent choice. Yes, I do want to know details about their academic programs and achievements. I also want to know about their future goals and how a turn on Student Council relates to that. I would like to ask questions like: Have you ever worked on a Board or for a Board or with a Board, and if so what were your experiences. Some candidates have presented various ideas about SU finances. But nobody bothered to offer any considerations for credibility. I would like the financial promises evaluated and put to the test by a financial expert.

I wonder whether the candidates consider a term on Student Council a practical course in leadership and business administration, with learning provided by trial and error. It may be a valuable experience, but it may well be the most expensive course on campus with the tuition fees paid by the rest of the students. I

want to know the business and management attitudes of the candidates. What do they know about employees-management relationships?

Candidates claim that they will talk with Government representatives on our behalf. What are their credentials, their experience, their expertise in this regard? If they approach Government with the same kind of rhetoric that they offer me to get my vote, they won't have much credibility.

I appreciate the few presentations made by some candidates before classes, but I must say the public speaking abilities did not impress me. In fact, if such presentations would have been made during a job interview, I would not have offered them a responsible job.

If the SU expects me to take the elections seriously, I expect more than promises from the candidates as an issue. Perhaps as a mature student I expect too much, or perhaps with the increase of mature students on campus the SU needs to adjust its profile. Would the newly elected council consider some changes in the election process? Or perhaps *The Gateway* could find two independent students for each candidate to evaluate their platforms and their promises. Such evaluations published independently of the statements of the candidates would certainly raise the quality of the election process considerably and would help other students to arrive at reasonable choices.

Karl Trabold
Rec. Admin. I

Thanks, guys II

We would like to thank all those who contributed to our campaign, and thank all those who believed in us enough to vote for us.

We would also like to congratulate Mike, Gayle, Rob, Caroline, Scott and Floyd, and wish them all the best in the coming year.

Peter Seseke, Business III
Joan Watz, Rehab Med II
Doug Boivin, Business III
Earl Smith, Science II

An apology

The initiatives '85 pamphlet released on Monday, Feb. 4, contained an error. David Keufler did not quit his job as Deputy Returning Officer after two days. I have been misinformed and would like to apologize to Mr. Keufler for erroneously stating that he had quit his job after two days. I am very sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

David Koch
Initiatives '85 Campaign Manager

Creation: Another view

A book (*Science and Creationism*, Ashley Montagu ed.) I bought (at Weinlos Books, a great science bookstore), and read makes me wonder whether attempt of the fundamentalist fringe to get creationism into U.S. school biology curricula has a Canadian equivalent.

What do I find in the Alberta Education's 1984 Biology 10-20-30 curriculum guide (in the Education library)? The statement (on page 41), "Both evolution and creation can be discussed to assist in explaining the origins of life on Earth."

Creationism is "to assist" in science classrooms? What the hell is going on here? Genesis isn't science, it's religion, with no place in biology. Or should we next discard astronomy because, contrary to Copernicus, the (flat?) Earth is the centre of the universe? Or jail Galileo again (at our peril)? Or should I demand my church preach religion ("The first reading, dear people, from the book of the Theory of Relativity...")?

It seems the religious peanut gallery has infected Canadian science curricula: "organized knowledge has come into open conflict with organized ignorance" (Montagu, 95).

But biology teachers who present the organized knowledge of evolution, alone, can keep the light of scientific enlightenment burning in the present darkness of doctrinaire religious stupidity. Don't belittle my plea or understate the perverse power of the creationists: they've an official Alberta association (defended by one Ron Ballamy, which is more than enough Ron Bellamy's, whom my sister and I refuted on *The Journal* letters page last spring; anyone else want a fight?) My plea, like Isaac Asimov's (Montagu, 193), is that we not let creationists succeed lest we "raise a generation of ignoramus ill-equipped to run the industry of tomorrow, much less to generate the new advances of the days after tomorrow."

In my first year at U of A (1979-1980), a Christain group televised (in Microbiology of all places) a debate between U.S. protagonists on this subject. In my last year (1984-85), creationism rests like a cancer on Alberta's science curriculum (Dave King strikes again). Biology teachers (mainly, but not only), please "rage, rage against the dying of the light" (Dylan Thomas) by teaching evolution alone, by teaching science.

Michael Wynne
Business IV

Winning Designs



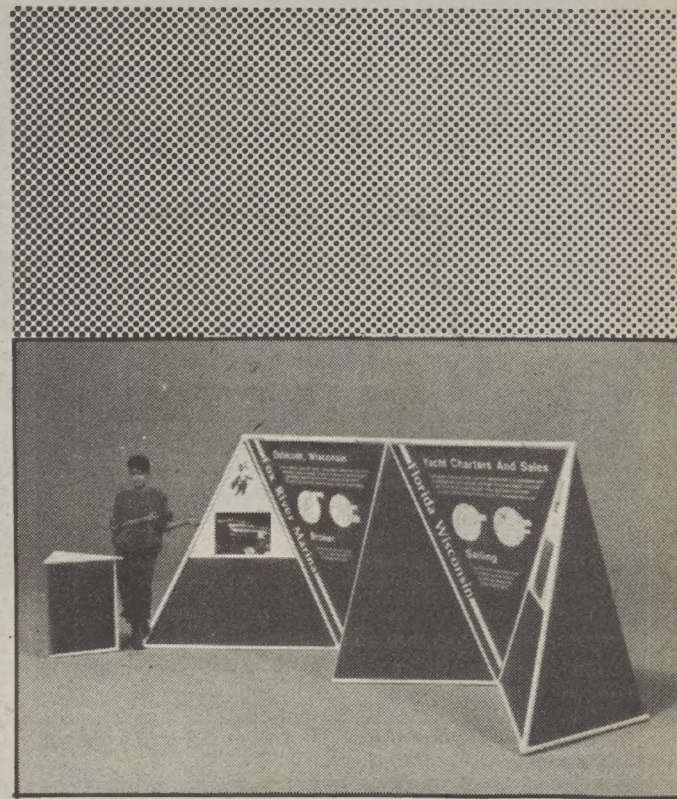
The first and second prize winners were Brian Jenkins (right) and Darrell Campbell as seen in their studio on campus.

Though the Industrial Design program at the U of A has recently suffered a 20 per cent course cut-back, students in the program did extremely well at the second annual National Exhibition Design Scholarship Competition.

Students from the U of A almost swept the contest, winning both first and second national prizes as well as capturing all three western region prizes.

Brian Jenkins was the winner of both the first place national prize and the first place western region prize, while Darrell Campbell took home both the second place national prize and the western region second prize. Claude Lienau won the third prize in the western region.

The competition which is sponsored by the Exhibit and Display Association of Canada is held in Toronto and is open to all third-year interior or industrial design students. More than \$3,300 in prizes was given out, almost \$2,000 of which was won by U of A students.



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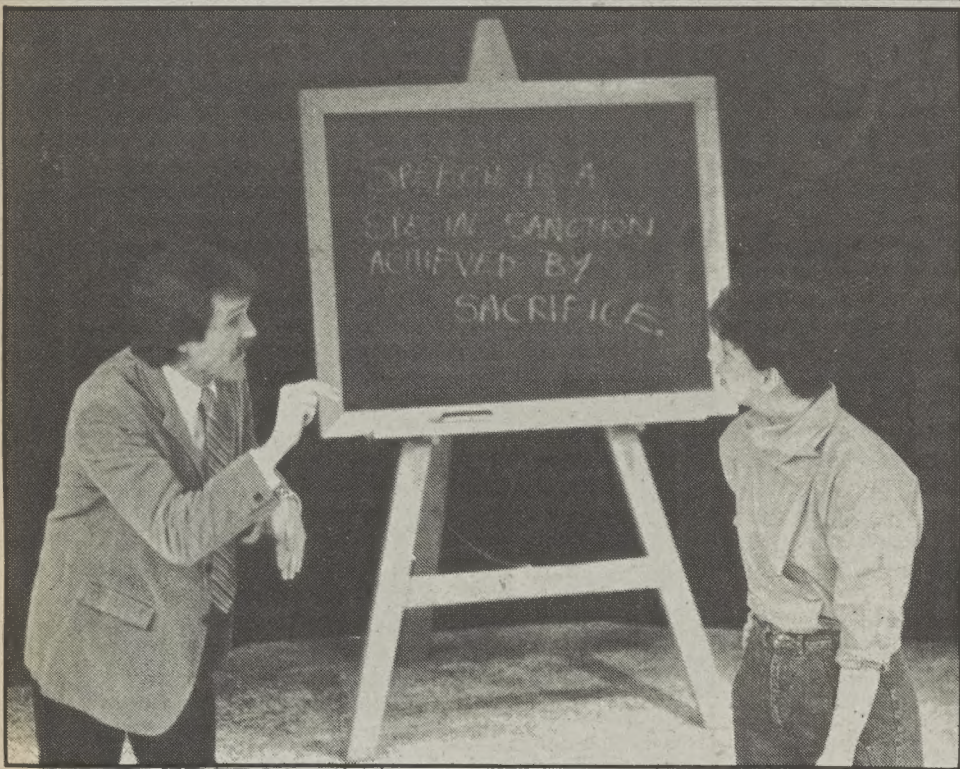
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ENTERTAINMENT



James Leeds (Paul Atkinson) struggles with a particularly difficult student - Sarah Norman (Wanda Warick).

Walterdale play studies problems faced by deaf

by Gilbert Bouchard

Director Judy Unwin first saw the *Children of a Lesser God* in New York in 1981, and fell in love with it.

"The play wasn't released yet, and we had to wait until it closed on Broadway," said Unwin.

This season Unwin's wish materialized in the Walterdale's production of Mark Medoff's extraordinary play of a deaf woman and her struggle in the hearing world.

While this may be Unwin's dream play it has had its share of logistical problems. For example, because of Unwin's decision to use deaf actors, she had to learn how to sign, and at first she described her progress as slow.

But for every setback Unwin has received she has also been granted an equal number of small graces. "Vincent Chauvet started out as my signing instructor and has been a real gem," said Unwin. Chauvet is now listed in the play's handbill as the assistant director. "Victor may even direct a show at the Walterdale next year."

Unwin's early frustration vanished as her proficiency in signing developed. When I interviewed Unwin late into the production's rehearsals, she was signing like a pro.

"There were other things we didn't think of when we were planning to direct a play using deaf actors," said Unwin. "I forgot silly

things like deaf actors have to see each other when they sign or talk. And since the play's set has no wings for visual clues, we ended up using cue lights."

Unwin and her cast have been hard at work since early November and are not looking forward to going in separate directions once the production is over. "I'll be so sad when it's going to be over," said Unwin.

"I hope that this play makes people aware," said Unwin. "I didn't know any deaf people before this production, and I didn't realize that there were so many deaf people."

Unwin is also upset by the lack of theatrical outlets for the deaf. "There is no real deaf theatre, and it is such a shame to see all these people with all this untapped talent," she said.

"This play is not for the deaf; it is for hearing audiences," Unwin added. Because deaf people would not be able to understand any of the lines spoken while the actors have their backs turned to the audience, the Walterdale is putting on two special performances where two 'interpreters' will sign out all the dialogue.

"I want people to see this play and I want them to learn about deafness, not just feel sad for the deaf," Unwin said.

Children of a Lesser God is showing nightly at 8 p.m. at the Walterdale from Feb. 13 to 23.

Photo Alex Miller

TRIVIA

Last week's answers

Tribbles caused trouble on the Enterprise. Star Trek ran for three years. McCoy's nurse was Christene Chapel. The Village People. The Knack. Starland Vocal Band. "More, More, More". In a trade for Dave Williams and Jerry Butler. Dallas Smith. Philadelphia Flyers.

Richard Buyschaerk won last week's contest. Richard was supposed to win an Ann Mortifee interview album, but it disappeared. Instead Richard will receive a "Sure Thing" t-shirt and SUB postcard. Congratulations, Richard. This week we have the Major contest promised last week. The Gateway is sponsoring an exclusive premiere of Rob Reiner's new romantic comedy *The Sure Thing*, on Feb. 28. All entries to this week's Trivia contest will receive a double guest pass to this premiere. The first nine entries drawn that have all ten questions correct will win two double guest passes and a "The Sure Thing" t-shirt. Send, or drop, those entries to the Gateway, Rm. 282, SUB, by Monday, Feb. 25. We have hundreds of passes to give away, so enter even if you can not answer a single question.

by Don Teplyske

Music
Topic: That old K-Tel album

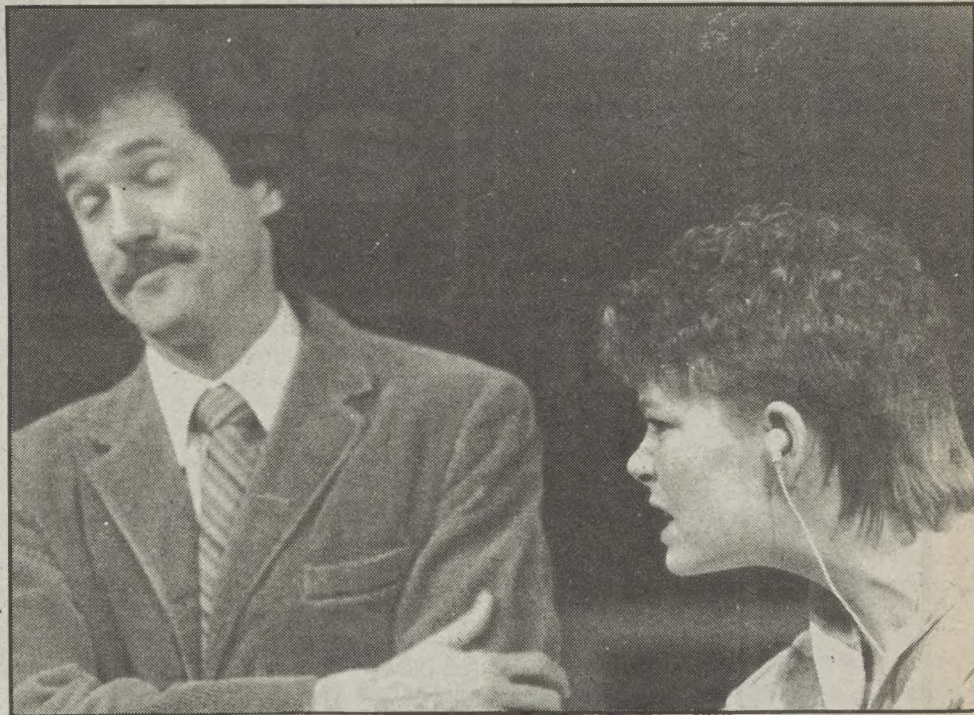
1. Who saw the lipstick on her boyfriend's collar?
2. What happened to Running Bear and Little White dove?
3. Where did The Beatles' Bonnie live?
4. He knew it was *Only Make Believe*.

Television: WKRP in Cincinnati

5. What was the name of Herb's wife?
6. Why did Johnny Fever get fired from a California station?
7. What band did WKRP sponsor a concert for?

Hockey: Goons

8. What is Steve Durbano doing now?
9. Who is the most penalized player in NHL history?
10. Who did Jimmy Mann sucker punch?



James Leeds becomes exasperated with student Lyndia (Connie Gongs).



Gold Medal Award

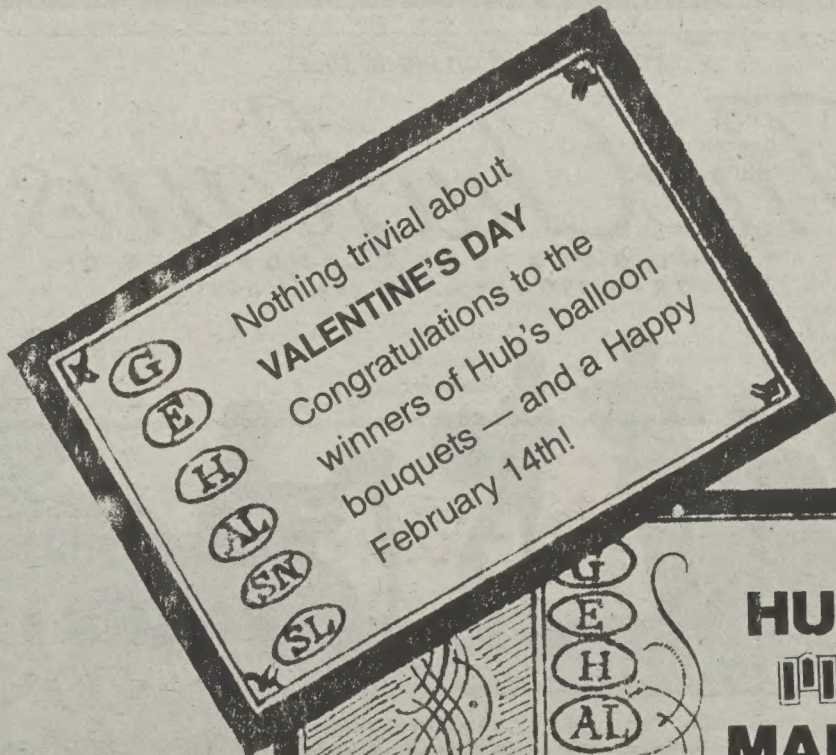
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Chieftans: revival of the Irish

interview by Andrew Spence

One often wonders how Irish folk music has become so popular throughout the world. In order to gain some insight into this question, *The Gateway* spoke with Paddy Maloney, band leader of *The Chieftains*. The band has gained recognition world wide in their successful promotion of traditional Irish music.

The group got together in the late fifties as part of a general revival of traditional Irish folk music. Asked if they started by getting together in the pub for a few tunes, Paddy Moloney replied, "There was none of that then, mostly we played in our own homes or at clubs where there was no alcohol—often just in the neighbour's house."

The original band members are all from the Dublin area, with the addition in 1975 of flute player Matt Malloy. Not a native Dubliner, Malloy hails from County Roscommon. Following Malloy came Derek Bell, "The Belfast Cowboy," whose major instrument is the harp; thus completing the full range of traditional instruments.

Paddy Moloney feels *The Chieftains* have been influential in promoting the ascent of traditional Irish music to world prominence, and this has complemented the Irish people's desire to retain their cultural values, and native language.

Their reception in Eire in the early days of 1963 was mixed, recalls Paddy. Most people were appreciative, "although the purists didn't like it—but they came around about five years later."

Recognition outside of Eire came with their U.K. debut at London's Royal Albert Hall in 1975. Paddy remembers that "I wanted to do a small place, about a three hundred seater, but our promoter booked a six thou-



The Chieftains: "exciting arrangement of jigs and reels that are centuries old."

sand seater!" However, Paddy had no cause for concern, as the hall was sold out in three weeks.

The weekly music paper *Melody Maker* (published in London) made *The Chieftains* 'band of the year' in 1975, further raising their profile. A North American tour followed.

Knowledge of traditional Irish music had been growing in North America prior to *The Chieftains*' first tour. The band had five albums out in the States and Canada, and Paddy feels that their first tour was successful because "people were curious about our music." Paddy also thought that *The Chieftains* score to the film *Barry Lyndon* had gained them further recognition.

Asked if their success in North America was easily won, Paddy replied: "It was a hard

slog all right, but it was a well organized tour" that left the band with a dedicated following.

Paddy credits the band's success to their "exciting arrangements of jigs and reels that are centuries old." He said they only take material that is the cream of the crop and make new melodies from old ones. Paddy explained that many of the arrangements take place on the road, and Paddy fills the "flying hours" putting air sickness bags to good use."

In 1978 *The Chieftains* were invited to tour China. After accepting the invitation on condition that they be accompanied by a full Chinese orchestra and a film crew, *The Chieftains* produced a film titled *The Chieftains in China*, which is to be released on February 18, 1985.

Paddy sees many similarities between Chinese and Irish folk music—especially in the songs. The song *Sean-Nox*, an old Irish style, contains many of the rustic motifs of Chinese folk songs. The Chieftains will be featuring one Chinese song in their line-up, entitled "Full of Joy."

Accompanying them is Chen Hsi-Chuan. Chen has played with the Chinese Ensemble in New York, and will be playing along with the Irish tunes, as well as "Full of Joy."

Paddy believes that as of yet the Chinese tour has not had a marked influence upon their music, but he remarked that it is helping him come up "with some real stuff" and is steering him in a new direction.

The band is always in demand, with Paddy mentioning that they will "be going well into '87," having received invitations from Egypt, Argentina and Russia—as well as an invitation to return to China.

The Chieftains are also accompanied by Irish Step Dancer Michael Flatley. This is a traditional form of Irish dance—but Michael is far from traditional as he has abandoned the customary stockings and kilt. Michael is a natural compliment to *The Chieftains*, as he brings the same improvisational qualities to dance as *The Chieftains* bring to their music.

Paddy has no doubt that the band has retained its original direction in continuing to play the traditional forms of their native music. Although the band has diversified into scoring films, Paddy feels that the band will be returning to less commercial ventures.

After 22 years of experience, *The Chieftains* will be bringing a world class act to Edmonton, that is appreciated by audiences around the world. If you've got a free evening go and check them out, for it should be a good show.

Three records: A hit, a nice try, and some excess vinyl

reviews by Jens Andersen

Centerfield
John Fogerty
Warner Bros.

There I was, driving along and despising nearly every song spewing out of the car speakers. Chrissie Hynde with that effete, cooled-out, roboto voice of hers (show me the meaning indeed!) Bryan Adams and his slick, all-froth, no-beer schlock music (ah, the perfect, boring Canadian!) Bruce Cockburn battling hatred with his tear-stained rocket launcher (Onward Christian Hamburger Helpers!). . .

Anyway, there I was praying for some Cyndi Lauper, Bruce Springsteen, or even just the Cars or Don Henley, when I hear a murky and oddly familiar guitar line. What's this — an oldie?? Then that raw, funky, unmistakable voice which sounds like the very heart of America:

He take the thunder
from the mountain
He take the lightning
from the sky
He bring the strong man
to his begging knee
He make the young girl's
mama cry

It wasn't some obscure Creedence track as I originally thought, but John Fogerty himself. Back with a vengeance after a gaping nine-year absence, his voice cutting like a whipsaw through the shit and corruption on the airwaves.

If you have listened to "The Old Man

Down the Road" on the radio you know what I mean. Real voodoo boogaloo. And the rest of the album is just as good (In case you haven't heard, *Rolling Stone* gave it a four-star rave).

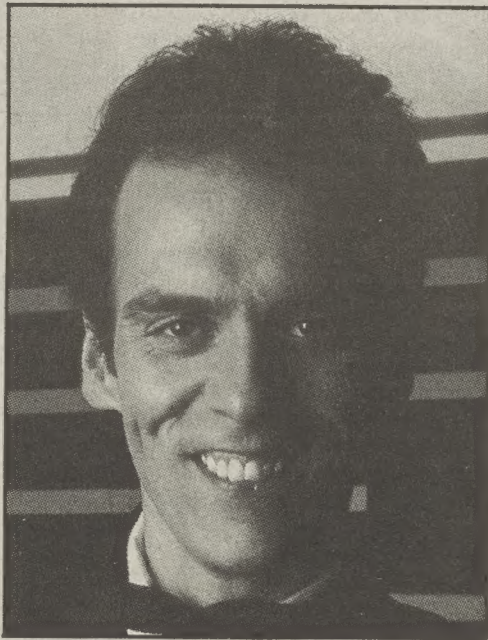
The albums cuts are varied, but most possess that distinctive Creedence feel that Fogerty owns the patent rights to. There is a first-class rockabilly ("Big Train from Memphis"). There is A-1 heavy metal ("Mr. Creed") featuring a propulsive rhythm that most songs in this genre lack. And a nostalgic ballad ("I Saw It On TV"), achingly lovely like Lauper's "All Through the Night". And finally "Zanz Kant Danz", whose reggae is unCreedence-ish as the synthesizer that graces it.

Two of the songs, "Searchlight" and the title track, seem a bit forced but are fine otherwise. Aside from this, *Centerfield* simply brims over with youthful exuberance. Coming after the messy Creedence break-up, two excellent but commercially disastrous solo albums, and his nine-year dry spell (Fogerty must be pushing 40 by now) one might have expected tired or cranky cynicism. The high spirits come as a nice surprise.

Even "Zanz Kant Danz," apparently an attack on some former business manager, is quite good-natured. The *Rolling Stone* reviewer decried its "extreme vitriol" but he is either imagining things or thinking of "Mr. Creed," which is angry but not bitter.

All in all, a beautiful album. Welcome back, John.

Warming Up to the Ice Age
John Hiatt
Geffen Records



John Hiatt: a few sparks, but his record fails to ignite.

God I hate reviewing records like this. They aren't bad enough to hatchet, but they aren't good enough to really recommend.

Often there is one very good track on the album. On this one, for instance, there is "She Said the Same Things to Me," a slower rocker with some superlative call-and-response vocals between Hiatt and one Frieda Woody.

And there may be a few other innocuously good tracks, like Hiatt's "The Usual" and "I'm

a Real Man" with its tongue-in-cheek macho boasting.

In addition there may be other minor bright points. Like Hiatt's voice—sort of like Elvis Costello with a rebuilt larynx. And his dry sense of humour, which keeps the lyrics interesting.

But the music, whether reggae, new wave or heavy metal, has a certain flat sameness that drags the album down. Why waste money on him when for the same outlay you can get a pure delight like *Centerfield*, *She's so Unusual*, or *Switched-On Bach*?

Hello Again (12" single)
The Cars
Elektra

Yeah, yeah, this is a pretty fair song, even if they did steal the theme and a couple of lines from "Like a Rolling Stone."

It is getting good airplay, thankfully. What I want to talk about, though, is these damn 12" singles. I mean, what's wrong with a "45"? The sound quality is just as good, it requires only one-quarter of the carcinogenic vinyl chloride to manufacture, it costs less, and instead of two crappy "remixes" on the B-side, you can have one good second song. Maybe even another hit, like the Beatles used to do.

So how about it, all you record execs out there in your \$2,000 sharkskin suits—why don't you revive the "45"? And take these 12" singles and do the old rectal insertion routine. Like sideways.

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SPORTS

Intramural track meet

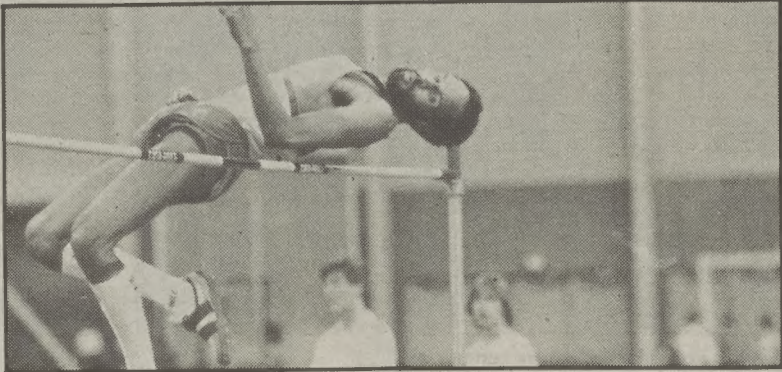
by Dave Boyd

The furious pace of the Campus Recreation activities continued this week with an indoor track meet at the Butterdome leading the way. Competition in the ten events was fierce and no unit was able to dominate. Three individuals managed to stand out, however, by being double winners.

Darren Smith of Pink Flamingo Repair won the shot put with a heave of 9.8 metres. He also managed to capture the high jump event with an impressive jump of 1.70 metres.

Another two-time champion was Andre Francois (Mackenzie Hall) who showed Carl Lewis-like skill in racing to victory in the 60-metre sprint and out jumping the rest of the pack with a long jump of 6.05 metres.

The third double winner was Lorne Holyoak from Lambda Chi Alpha who won the 400 and 80 metre races.



Track and field events highlight a furious week of intramural activities.

In other track events, it was Bentley Woudstra of Law taking the 60-metre hurdles in 9.57 seconds. Mackenzie Hall won the 4x200 metre relay in 1:41. Eric Lee (Dekes) soared to victory in the pole vault, clearing 2.8 metres.

Men's triple volleyball competition also wrapped up this week with Aberles Trio winning the 'A' event. They defeated Buday's Boys

in the final. The 'B' event final saw Quan (Wrecking Crew) take the title with a victory over Azmier (Mackenzie Hall).

In Co-Rec action, The Psycho Chickens were the top bowlers with a team score of 1230. In the Wednesday night innertube water-polo final, Geogrpahy "put itself on the map" by whipping MBA M.B.A. 16-2.

Pandas travel to Vancouver

This Thursday, the Panda Gymnastics team will travel to Vancouver to compete in this weekend's Canada West Gymnastics Championships at the University of British Columbia.

The Pandas are the defending CWUAA champions. Of the seven women competing on this year's squad, though, only four are returning from last year.

Travelling to UBC this weekend will be veterans Margie Drysday, Heidi Ross, Donna Spaner, Janice Neill, Carrie Nawata, and Shelly Spaner, and rookie Tracey Firth.

Six of the Pandas have exceded the national qualifying score of 29.00 points necessary for eligibility at the CIAU National Championships which are to be held in Vancouver March 2nd and 3rd. All the

women, however, will be looking to raise their scores as only the top 36 gymnasts in Canada with scores over 29.00 will be invited to compete.

Ross currently holds the Pandas' highest qualifying score at 33.86. She is followed by Shelly Spaner (33.56), Nawata (32.65) Neill (31.98), Drysdale (31.50) and Donna Spaner (29.38).

Although both the team and coaches are optimistic about this weekend's Western Canadian Championships, there is no doubt their ultimate goal remains the CIAU Nationals.

Vivian Stevenson of the Panda Track & Field team and Tony Bacon of the Golden Bears Wrestling team have been named the Sport-Chek Athletes-of-the-Month for the December-January period. Each

Bears hockey stats

C.W.U.A.A. STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	PCT.
x-Alberta (29-5-0)	20	17	3	0	133	62	34	.850
Saskatchewan (20-12-2)	20	13	7	0	105	74	26	.650
British Columbia (20-15-0)	22	11	11	0	107	103	22	.500
Calgary (24-16-1)	22	8	14	0	99	112	16	.364
Lethbridge (4-23-0)	20	3	17	0	59	152	6	.150

x-Clinched first place.

Teams' overall records in parenthesis.

Alberta Golden Bears CWUAA 17-3-0 (Home 9-1-0; Away 8-2-0)

NO.PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	PEN-PIM	PP	SH	WG	HT2GG
14 Parie Proft	20	8	24	32	11-49	5	0	0	00
12 Gerald Koebel	19	18	13	31	2-4	2	3	2	22
19 Breen Neeser	20	12	15	27	11-33	5	0	2	01
8 Joey Engert	18	9	18	27	13-34	3	0	3	01
9 Craig Dill	13	9	17	26	10-20	1	1	1	02
20 Dennis Cranston	16	7	16	23	16-43	1	0	1	11
18 Dave Otto	17	6	17	23	3-6	1	0	1	01
23 Stacey Wakabayashi	16	8	13	21	3-9	2	1	0	10
4 Colin Chisholm	20	1	17	18	28-91	0	0	0	00
5 Tim Krug	19	8	8	16	16-43	3	1	0	00
10 John Reid	18	7	7	14	23-57	2	0	1	01
21 Rick Swan	11	6	8	14	7-14	0	1	0	02
16 Perry Zpernick	18	6	7	13	23-46	1	0	2	00
7 Bill Ansell	13	4	7	11	11-30	2	0	1	00
15 Jack Patrick	15	8	2	10	4-16	0	0	2	11
6 Rick Carriere	17	2	8	10	32-91	0	0	0	00
2 DJ Havrelock	12	0	10	10	1836	0	0	0	00
11 Dave Souch	15	5	3	8	3-6	1	0	0	01
3 Ron Vertz	14	2	6	8	2-12	0	0	0	00
22 Jeff Helland	6	3	4	7	0-0	0	0	0	01
17 Denis Leclair	12	3	3	6	7-33	0	0	1	00
24 Curtis Brandolini	6	0	3	3	9-29	0	0	0	00
Allan Tarasuk	1	1	1	2	1-2	0	0	0	00
1 Kelly Brooks	6	0	1	1	0-0	0	0	0	00
John Winter	1	0	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	00
30 Ken Hodge	14	0	0	0	2-4	0	0	0	00
Bench	20	-	-	-	2-4	-	-	-	--
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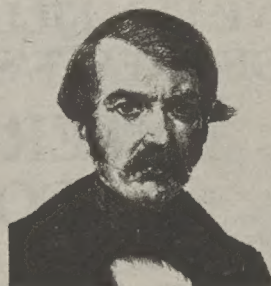
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year Arts student set two meet records at the Boeving Invitational, hosted by the University of Manitoba on January 19-20, 1985. Her time of 6.73 seconds in the 50 metres and 25.64 seconds in the 200 metres established new records in the junior women's division.

In total she won three gold medals, also adding the 50m hurdles title to her credit. On January 12, the Strathcona high school graduate won both the 50m hurdles and 200m events at the The Meet IX, held at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse.

On January 19, Bacon, a 5'7" 112 pound freshman won the 112 pound weight class at the University of Guelph Open. In doing so, the first year Physical Education student became the first ever Golden Bear to win a weight class at the Guelph Open.

The 19-year-old graduate of Jasper Place high school, won all three of his matches to capture the title. In his opening match he defeated Dave Mair of the Hamilton Wrestling Club 14-12, and then defeated Western Ontario's Tom Stavarky by a score of 13-1.

In the final match, Bacon defeated Abe Bukeron, the fourth ranked wrestler in the country in this weight class, of the University of Waterloo 16-9 for the championship.

Other nominees for the December-January segment were Ken Hodge (hockey), Heidi Ross (gymnastics) and Susan Tokariuk (basketball).

footnotes

FEBRUARY 14
SPERM study group. 3:30-6:00. Rm 032 SUB.

UASFCAS meeting 1930+, Tory 14-9. All sapients welcome. This week, an auction & bring a mathom, buy a mathom. Proceeds to Neology & Susan Wood Memorial Fund.

Central American Campus Committee. Tory 14-9. Inside Socialist Cuba: A slide-discussion led by Mr. Bernie Bloom, recent visitor to Cuba. All welcome.

Lutheran Student Movement evening worship (Vespers), 7:30 p.m. at the Centre (11122-86 Ave.)

St. Valentine's Dance 9:00 pm Student Lounge. Tickets at door \$2.00 students, \$3.00 non-students.

FEBRUARY 15
VALENTINE'S PARTY!! Celebrate the end of mid-terms & the beginning of Reading Week with the VILLAINS!! Edmonton Convention Center, Downhill Riders Ski Club. PARTY-PARTY!!!

Edmonton Chinese Christian Fellowship. Evangelism Workshops at 7:30 p.m. in Rm 158 SUB.

U of A Committee to Nominate Burke Barker. Students meet Burke Barker in the Legislature. Meet Burke in SUB (main floor) 11 p.m. - 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16
Malaysian Singaporean Students' Assoc. Chinese New Year Banquet & Dance. 10508-82 Ave. Dinner 7 pm. Formal. Adv. tkts only \$15 (mem.) \$18 (non-mem.) 455-1043 or 439-5224.

FEBRUARY 17
Lutheran Campus Ministry worship in SUB 158A at 10:30 am.

FEBRUARY 17-23
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FEBRUARY 18
Canadian Institute of International Affairs Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East co-sponsoring Professor David Dewitt, York University, on "Peace and War in the Middle East," Monday, February 18th, 8:00 pm, Room 5-04, Business Building. Interested staff, students invited.

FEBRUARY 20
Meditation in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. Talk followed by coffee and instruction. Wed. 20th Feb. 7 pm, Paul Kane House, 10220-121 St. 459-0701 evgs. Wednesday Evening Perspective. This

week Wytze Brouwer, Professor of Physics. "The Rationality of Science." Supper at 5:00 followed by fellowship and discussion. Meditation Room, SUB 158A.

FEBRUARY 25
Baha'i Club Discussion. The persecution of the Baha'is of Iran. Heritage Lounge, Athabasca Hall.

FEBRUARY 26
Ashes to Easter, shared prayer and faith discussion, Tuesdays or Thursdays (March 28), 7-9 pm. St. Joseph's College, Faculty Lounge. Registration: 433-2275.

Amnesty International meets 7:30 pm, Knox Metropolitan United Church. 8307-109 St. 462-1871.

FEBRUARY 26 & 27
Lambs & Lions Badminton Tournament Feb. 26 & 27, 19:30-22:30.

GENERAL
Mature students' Brown Bag Lunch in Heritage Lounge, Athabasca every Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.

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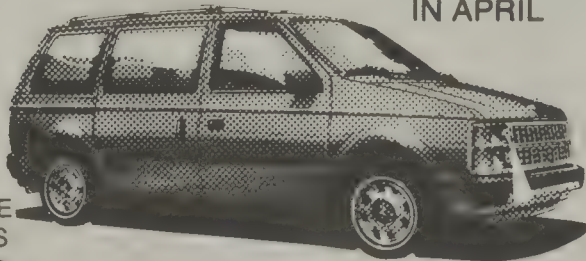
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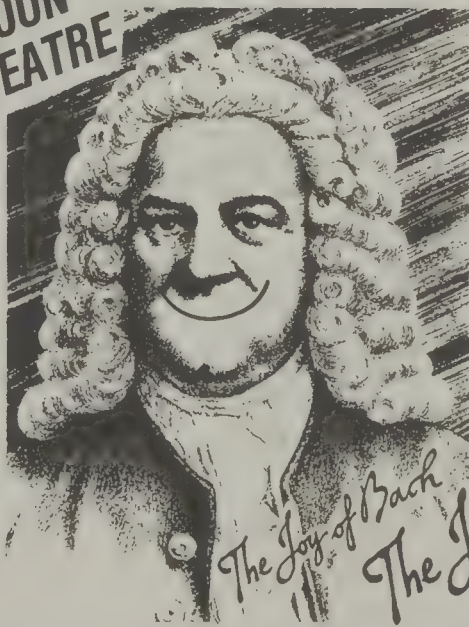


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Pink Triangle Supplement

The Gateway Gay and Lesbian issues supplement

A bad (Alberta) Report card

By Bill Overend

Homophobia: the negative feelings toward and dread of homosexual persons "based either entirely on prejudice or on experience which is strongly colored by prejudice."

This definition, provided by Charles Bidwell, pastor of Edmonton's Metropolitan Church, describes the technical side of a term being used increasingly in today's awakening society.

However, to gays and lesbians in the naked reality of everyday living, homophobia is a shapeless, invisible enemy swooping down from all angles to squelch fulfillment from their lives.

These people, representing a full 10 per cent of the earth's population, face daily persecution in the form of taunts, ridicule, physical abuse, avoidance and isolation. They learn early the opinion society holds of them. They respond mostly by hiding their sexuality, denying it until it can be furtively expressed. Fearing for their jobs, their status, their very acceptance by society, they act out a role which is foreign to their being. The role takes its toll. It systematically depersonalizes them to the point where self-hate takes over.

Some of the most courageous among them, those who have discovered that to stay in the closet is simply to aid and abet society's prejudices, have shed the hypocrisy and "come out." These individuals now meet day-to-day discrimination head-on, but they at least experience a peace of mind and sense of conviction, feelings which the average self-denying gay or lesbian cannot even recognize.

Many more homosexuals desire to come out. They wish they could tell their friends and family and be accepted for who they are. They wistfully envision a world where to be "het" or otherwise is no big deal.

And then they read the *Alberta Report*.

"There are absolute moral precepts in the world," says *Alberta Report* editor-in-chief Steve Hopkins. "These are based on the Ten Commandments."

"Our view is that homosexuality is wrong."

To amplify editorial policy, which affects headlines and opinion columns, Hopkins emphasizes that "we look for ways to get the anti-homosexual position in our stories."

That policy has become only too clear. Publisher Ted Byfield, in a 1981 editorial entitled "Out of the closet they come, and what will appear next?" named homosexuals as the latest in a procession of "oddities" to emerge. He queried, "What odd shapes, forms, peculiarities, not to say monstrosities...will next demand social acceptability among us?"

Yet the scientific community has failed to prove that there is anything odd at all about the homosexual, save in the context that he or



she does not constitute the majority of the population. Red hair and green eyes are not normal in that context either, but they are seldom referred to as "monstrosities."

What science does tell us is enlightening. John Gonsiorek, in his *Results of Psychological Testing on Homosexual Populations*, concludes that "theories contending that the existence of differences between homosexuals and heterosexuals implies maladjustment are irresponsible, uninformed, or both." And James Weinrich, in a book titled *Is Homosexuality Biologically Natural?*, writes, "Essentially every biologically-based argument that homosexuality is unnatural fails." He concludes: "Homosexuality is thus as biologically natural as is human heterosexuality."

Unfortunately, the exactitude of science is not usually approached by the moral tenets of society. In this department, the media must share the responsibility.

"When issues are reflected improperly," says Gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE) Education Director Barry Mills, "I begin to worry. People can be persuaded to indifference or have their biases go unchallenged." The result of a lack of proper dialogue, he says, is "misplaced pity, outright rejection, or worse, ridicule."

Mills thinks Edmonton's local media are generally "fair and responsive" to current gay issues, although in his opinion, investigation of local issues is not adequate.

But editor Hopkins, "Our view is that there is not sufficient prejudice." He finds the media, the *Alberta Report*, to be generally "left wing", small 'l' liberal."

"The media seem to promote change for the sake of change," Hopkins says. Consequently, homosexuality "is gradually becoming accepted, (and this acceptance) poses a danger to society."

Danger or otherwise, the media do seem to be taking a comparatively open, responsive stance to gay and lesbian issues, here in this 'red neck' of the woods. Most gay and lesbian organizations, GATE included, find little to criticize about the coverage. George Davidson, a spokesman for Gay Fathers of Edmonton, found reporters to be fair-minded and even favorably disposed when he sought media attention for his group.

However, he added: "I don't know if I'd even try to get into the *Alberta Report*."

Like they say, old ways die hard.

National media bad on gays

By Melinda Wittstock
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Canadian University Press

It is 1949. A person leafs through a copy of *Newsweek* magazine. Her attention is caught by a flashy headline that reads "Queer People." She quickly focuses on the beginning of the article. Soon she is engrossed.

The article began: "The sex pervert, whether a homosexual, or an exhibitionist, or even a dangerous sadist, is too often regarded merely as a 'queer' person who never hurts anyone but himself..."

It continued, giving voyeuristic reports of men (read gay men) murdering women and children, and in one case (a lesbian) murdering her infant son.

The damage was done. The reader of the 1949 *Newsweek* article had been convinced that all lesbians and gay men are violent, deranged psychopaths.

By placing the word "homosexual" in the same sentence as "sex pervert" and "dangerous sadists," the article had directly, by playing on its readers' erroneous associations, said that only lesbians and gay men are "sex perverts" or "dangerous sadists."

This article marked the beginning of a mass media campaign to denigrate homosexuality to being abnormal, perverted and "against God." It played on all existing stereotypes of lesbians and gay men and delivered them sensationistically to a public — in an era of the McCarthy witchhunts — ready to accept them.

These stereotypes continue to be enforced in the commercial media and in television programming. Lesbian and gay issues, when covered at all, tend to equate homosexuality with corruption, disease and crime, perpetuating the same misleading stereotypes used in 1949.

The same phenomenon is found on television. The first attempts to portray lesbians and gays on television were not made until 1972.

The programming was most famous for its distortions and sensationalism.

NBC ran the film *Born Innocent* and an episode of *Police Woman* that portrayed lesbians as brutal rapists and murderers. Most famous was an episode of *Marcus Welby* in which a male science teacher rapes a male student.

The 1980 airing of the documentary *Gay Power, Gay Politics*

portrayed gay men as being preoccupied with S&M, unconcerned with public safety, and wielding a disproportionate amount of power in San Francisco. It ignored the lesbian community.

According to *Talk Back*, a book published by Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates, the documentary was based on "heresy, exaggerations and deceitful editing to distort its findings."

Although the characterisation of lesbians and gay men in television and films has improved slightly — as a result of much protest — sensationalism, ghettoization and stereotyping still exists in all forms of mass communications.

Lesbian and gay issues are rarely covered by the commercial press and only a scandal or "epidemic" seems to warrant media coverage. The coverage that does exist is most notable for its attempts at marginalizing the lesbian and gay community.

Newsweek hasn't changed much since 1949. In the cover story of its Aug. 3, 1983 edition (*Gay America*), gay implies male only. Lesbians are mentioned only once, and then briefly. The main story concentrates on the impact of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) on the gay male community.

In the article, AIDS becomes a "gay disease", "...not a disease of the spirit and lifestyle," wrote Walter Davis in the September issue of *Pinkink*, a now defunct Toronto monthly lesbian and gay magazine. Most notable for its air of panic ("AIDS is quickly reaching epidemic proportions") and hints on "divine retribution," the headline of the feature intimates: "A turning point has been reached, and AIDS may mean the party is over." Does this mean all gays have to go back to the closet?

Newsweek emphasizes the "bad public relations" of AIDS," wrote Davis. "Let us remind ourselves that venereal disease has long been considered an epidemic but *Newsweek* has not suggested that syphilis is bad public relations for heterosexuality."

The article details the fall of a "pleasure palace," and throughout, readers are bombarded with shock words and loaded phrases such as "paraphernalia of kinky sex," "therapeutic playpen" and "exotic sexual appliances."

The story tells us the lifestyle of all gay men is too sexually active and gays should settle down to a middle class respectability and "stop flaunting it."

This style of writing is not the preserve of a single magazine. "Homosexual murders are frequent and sadomasochistic...relatively

frequent in homosexuality," reports *Time* magazine.

Readers are bombarded with images of the homosexual rapist, murderer, even the gay arsonist. You would never know heterosexual rape, heterosexual murder ever occurred. When was the last time you read about a "white" or "Tory" murder? The press uses the same tactics to marginalize a stereotype most oppressed groups.

To be fair and accurate, the commercial media would have to omit altogether the homosexual/heterosexual adjectives or use it routinely in all cases. Readers would be surprised at the number of "heterosexual" crimes, diseases and scandals (a majority one might suggest).

The prominence of an article directly influences its impact. Often a story about a lesbian and gay pride march of 10,000 people will be buried on page 20 of a newspaper while an expose of a politician soliciting sex in a bath house will appear with a flashy headline on the front page.

The media often uses selective quotes to deliver the basic prejudice of the story. The coverage of the Toronto bath raids in the newspapers primarily sought the opinions of blatantly homophobic police officers, occasionally throwing in one out-of-context quote from a member of the gay community buried at the end of the story.

Commercial coverage of lesbian and gay issues prominently features the opinions of the fundamentalist clergy, extreme right-wing groups such as Renaissance Canada and behavioral psychiatrists — most of whom clearly hold an anti-gay/lesbian opinion. This done to make the article seem more objective.

Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell's opinion of lesbians and gays is solicited by the commercial media, yet the local Nazi party's opinion on anti-semitism and the Klu Klux Klan's opinion of black civil rights are not. It becomes increasingly obvious that lesbian and gay issues are a different story.

The media, controlled predominantly by men, whether gay or straight, reflects the existing economic order and the patriarchy. Lesbians, for the most part, are invisible in the eyes of the commercial media, and things are not much different in the gay alternative media. White, middle-class men wield more economic power than women ethnic or indigenous minorities and the poor. For this reason, there is little mention of black, amerindian or poor gays, let alone black or amerindian lesbians. The only gay that exists in the commercial media is white, middle-class and male.

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Youth service scuttled

by **Walter Cavalieri**
Social Services Director
GATE (Gay Alliance Toward Equality)

On Monday, January 21, McMan Youth Services withdrew its support for the Gay/Lesbian Youth Group of Edmonton. The withdrawal became effective the following Saturday, leaving the group without a place to meet and without the professional support which GATE had felt essential for the group. The youth group was a joint project of GATE and McMan and had been in operation for about two years.

That McMan would pull out of this relationship was predictable. Under the imaginative leadership of its dedicated director, John Mestlin, McMan was always open to serving the needs of gay youths. John was always available to GATE personnel, and McMan and GATE shared several clients. Mestlin left, however, and at the open house to bid him farewell and welcome his successor, Dr. Carole Ladan, the kit which was handed out to guests did not include any reference to the Gay/Lesbian Youth Group. True, 50 copies of the kit *were* prepared which did include information on the group, but most of them are still in McMan's office.

McMan's association with the youth group was cancelled at a meeting of McMan's provincial board. Neither the group's leaders—Craig Ganuk or Walter Cavalieri—nor GATE was informed that the fate of the group was to be on the agenda. Nor was Bob Marvin, the McMan youth worker under whose aegis the group functioned, invited to the meeting. The board's stated reasons for withdrawing from the group were that there is no money (McMan paid only for the group's phone line); that this is a service that "shouldn't be provided" (no comment); that McMan needs the space the group uses (the group met from 7:00 to 10:00 on Saturdays, at a time no other McMan programs were functioning); and that McMan couldn't offer the group further staff time or energy. Staff working with the group never expressed objections concerning time or energy spent with the group. In fact, the group took very little staff time.

Dr. Ladan also said that the group had never had board approval. This may be true, technically, but it did have board *awareness*. The group was actively discussed, as GATE understood from Ladan's predecessor, at a board meeting which was attended by Dr. Neil Webber, Alberta's Minister of Social Services.

Dr. Ladan took pains to point out that she had nothing against gays, that, in fact, she had invited gays to speak to her classes on family practice. She also cautioned Ganuk and Cavalieri not to "burn bridges." None-the-less, information on McMan's actions is being sent to *Body Politic*, *Rites*, and *The Advocate*. Current youth group members are writing to McMan's Executive Director and Board Chairman, and former group members are being urged to do so too. Liaison is being sought with another youth agency, and an alternate meeting space and telephone line is being arranged.

What is especially distressing to those who have been working with the group is that McMan did not allow time for an orderly transition to be arranged or for a new meeting place to be found. Ladan seemed unmoved when it was pointed out to her that youths who have endured rejection by society and family are now faced with an additional rebuff by an agency whose stated purpose is "to help socially conflicted youths develop their potential through the promotion of a better sense of belonging and trust."

There is no code of ethics to which an agency must subscribe save whatever one it prepares to serve its own values. There is one, however, for the Canadian Association of Social Workers. Here are a few clauses from it:

1. I will regard the well-being of the persons I serve as my primary professional obligation.
- 1.2. The social worker will be able to apply the practice values of acceptance, self-determination and individuality without being discriminatory on any grounds of race, ethnicity, language, religion, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, age, abilities, socio-economic status, political affiliation or national ancestry.
- 3.6.10. [the social worker will possess the] ability to facilitate termination of services or referral to others in an orderly manner with a minimum amount of expense and other inconvenience to the client. (Note that the convenience of the client is central, not that of the agency.)

The Code also states that, in cases of conflict, the standards declared in the Code take precedence, and that "the social worker will report to the appropriate regulatory body any instance involving or appearing to involve a breach of conduct set out in this Code." It is doubtful that anyone at McMan will take any action.

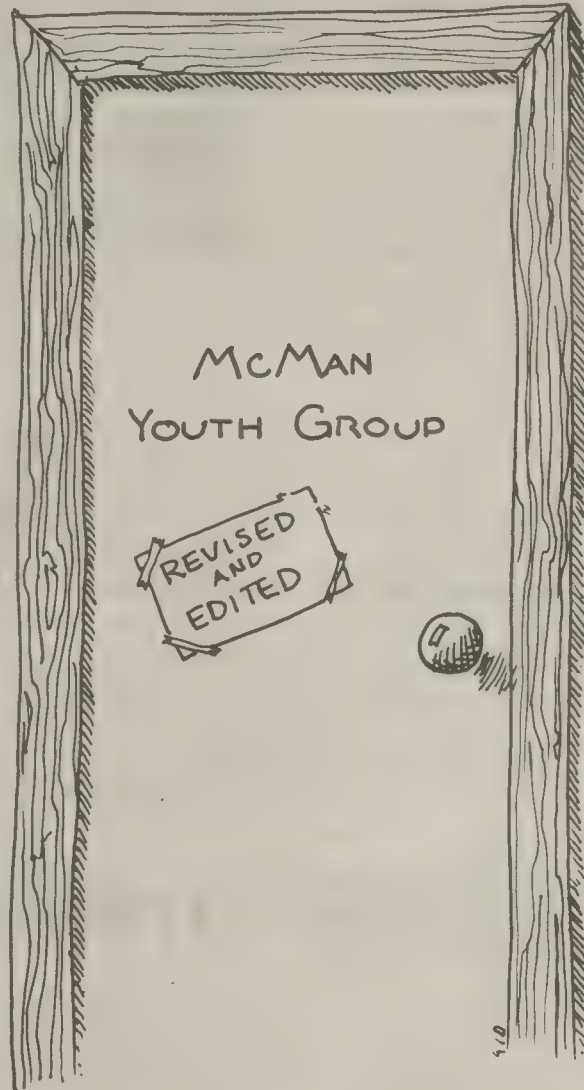
To the best of its abilities, GATE will try to provide an orderly transition for the group. The Gay/Lesbian Youth Group will not die. In fact, it is currently awaiting word from Ottawa concerning an International Youth Year grant. The grant has already been approved locally.

If you wish to register your protest with McMan Youth Services concerning their treatment of the Gay/Lesbian Youth Group, you may write to:

Dr. Carole Ladan
 Executive Director
 McMan Youth Services Association
 #1, 8207-104 Street
 Edmonton, Alberta

The president of the Provincial Board of Directors is Mr. Earl Little, and of the Edmonton Board of Directors, Mr. Rick Taylor.

If you do write, please send a copy of your letter to GATE.



Some Men

Some men have the courage
 To stand alone, unchained
 To follow every whim of heart
 Depend on every change

They value every little thing
 And turn their noses up at sin
 They laugh, they purr, they play around
 Somehow that seems strange

Strange to me, I'm stranger now
 I look around me, all I see
 Has merged together into this
 And all goes into one

To look at you would bring such pain
 Because of all I know of me
 Thoughts that dart across my mind
 Are uniform, complete

Just look at me and tell me please
 Exactly what is wrong with me
 What you remember; what it is
 That makes me feel this way

Some men, I think, are perfect
 They live entranced with images
 But you and I, we know, we know
 That this is all just fantasy

We know, we know ourselves
 In a strange and distant way
 It's this that sets us both apart
 From some men that we know

Some men have the courage
 To stand alone, unchained
 To follow every whim of heart
 Fighting every change

Doug Kaiser

More national media

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Lesbians suffer a double oppression — women, let alone lesbians, have little economic and political power in relation to men, including white middle-class gay men. Women's issues in general are lower on the priority list in the commercial press. Not only is there rampant sexism in the mass media, but there is also rampant homophobia. Even the words "homosexual" and "gay" connote only gay men.

Katherine Metana, a member of the editorial collective of Montreal's *Ca S'attrape*. According to Metana, there was never enough space for an equal number of lesbians articles and the advertising the gay men wanted to put in the magazine was degrading to women. "The men controlled the magazine," she says.

"We don't have much in common with men. We aren't touched by AIDS. We have more in common with the feminist movement, and coverage of the feminist movement is limited," she said.

News editor of *Sortie*, a gay male publication created after the break-up of *Le Berdache*, Bernard Courte agrees with Metana. "Lesbianism is ignored because we live in a patriarchal society," he said. "And women are just there to receive the cock of a man."

"Whenever I get the chance, I try and point out it *Sortie*, but unfortunately I am a man and my insight is limited." Courte also attributes the lack of lesbian coverage to a lack of lesbian visibility.

"They are absent from the alternative press because they are not there," he says. He uses the same reason for the lack of coverage of ethnic or indigenous gays. "They are invisible."

Courte has many of the same complaints with gay and lesbian coverage in the commercial media. He recalls being interviewed by Peggy Hill of the *Montreal Gazette* for an article on AIDS. "I talked with her for an hour and a half and all she remembered was that I was gay, I had a lover, and I was worried that he might have AIDS. It's not the first time I've been disappointed by the media," he says.

He also talks of a difference between the French and English press in Montreal. "AIDS was not a big thing in the French press — they played it down. But the English press was more influenced by the scare tactics of the American press."

Courte says, "The commercial media only covers us if it is sensational. If they can relate being gay to crime and disease, great. If they can relate lesbianism with being able to take care of a child properly and being gay man with being a child molester, then the profits reel in."

As Walter Davis wrote in *Pinkink*, "Objectivity is the great myth of American journalism because the point of reference defining objectivity is in the relationship to the dominant elite is white, straight male capitalist and they own the press."

Gays in Canada's military

The Federal Government has recently stated that a discussion paper on the role of women and homosexuals in the Armed Forces will soon be tabled in the House of Commons along with the appropriate legislation. In view of these recent proceedings, the present time is as good a time as any to review the treatment of homosexuals to today's Armed Forces.

Leslie (not her real name) is a third year Engineering student here at the University of Alberta. She has been a Radio/Communications Specialist in the Armed Forces for three and a half years but is not presently on active service. Leslie lives in an all-female household and has two sisters, one of whom is also gay.

Denise Whalen

I didn't know anything about this discussion paper but I think it's about time, actually. Nobody talks about it but everybody knows that there are gays in the Armed Forces, right? You read the Queen's Rules and Regulations and there's a big slash across the word (homosexual) but nobody does anything about it, so I think it's about time. Who knows what is going to happen with this paper? I have a feeling it may be thrown right out. If officers really want to get rid of homosexuals they'll find some way to drum them out.

Personally, I don't think that gays will ever be allowed to serve openly. The homophobia encountered in civilian life is turned around and magnified in the Armed Forces. There's a certain amount of tolerance in the civilian population but when you get within a military structure there is absolutely no tolerance whatsoever. Servicemen don't know what they're talking about or who they're directing their comments at, other than "those fucking queers." Officers are quick to proclaim that "there's no queers in our regiment, dammit!"

The PPCLI (Infantry) are as macho as all getout. But what's so funny is that you come across a group of these infantrymen in the mess flexing their muscles and showing off their military mustaches and short hair, and they look like the kind of gay men you'd find on Christopher Street. They could pass for regulars at a gay bar --- flexing their muscles and body posing. Of course you'd never actually say that to them!

Homosexuality is such a foreign concept for most military men. Nobody knows about it, and if they do they'd rather not say anything. Thus, when someone comes across homosexuality, they don't know how to handle it. They tend to err on the side of overboard discipline rather than to stop and ponder whether this individual's homosexuality has actually affected his performance on the job. In other words, they don't treat that person as a person. You're either gay or you're straight, and if you're gay you're out, it's that simple. There's no questions asked, and no excuses accepted. It's really a catch-22 situation. If you open your mouth, it doesn't matter how effective you are, or what kind of leadership skills or trade qualifications you possess. None of that matters. YOU'RE OUT.

People don't join the Armed Forces because they are homosexuals or because they are straight. They do join for just about every other reason. I don't think that allowing homosexuals in the Armed Forces would have a negative effect on morale, except with those who are totally unfamiliar with it. The bottom line is that it's not your job in the Armed Forces to be gay or to be straight. Your job in the Forces is to complete your trades training, to abide by military law and to perform to the best of your abilities. That has nothing to do with your sexuality, the color of your skin or your religion, or anything else for that matter. You're ordered to do your job, you do it, you finish it, and then you go home.

Then again, some people would inquire as to what a person could do if a homosexual made advances to them. That's also unfair: You cannot make assumptions about homosexuals that you do not make about heterosexuals; does being a heterosexual male mean that you're automatically going to assault all the heterosexual females? Of course not. That's just common decency. So why make that assumption about gay people? It's just not giving us credit for very much at all.

Sexism is rampant in the Armed Forces. I've come across specific cases where women have inquired about joining the Armoured Regiment. On our base the Armoured Regiment has an aura of glamour about it. These women were told in no uncertain terms that the only positions open to them were as a finance or supply clerk. Under these circumstances, even if they were allowed to get near the equipment (tanks) or actually touch them they would not be allowed to operate them. So sexism is rampant in the Armed Forces against women first of all, and against gay people always.

When I first joined up I was well aware of the misogynistic attitude of the military and I've noticed a big difference between attitudes in the Militia and attitudes in the "Regular" Armed Forces. Militiamen tend to be a lot more vehement about their rights as Militiamen. A lot of them see themselves as regular soldiers so they are very strict about rules, regulations and military bearing. So when I joined up I got a lot of negative feedback from my male drill instructors. Female drill instructors were generally more supportive and looked after the recruits much better than the males did. When I got adjusted to the whole atmosphere it became very apparent to me that you had to shut up, say nothing and lie if necessary. You lie to anyone in your rank and above, because it says in the military regulations, in polite terms, that anyone of any rank can denounce you. That's what it comes down to. It's not a matter of reporting someone or having them put on charge for breach of military regulations. You are denounced, and there you are on charge before you know what hit you. The charge does not have to be corroborated.

I knew of an incident involving a woman whom I thought was probably gay. I had never heard her say that she was gay or found by any of her actions that she was anything other than a senior serving ranker. But somehow it became known that she was a lesbian. Now I did not know for sure, nor did anyone else. It was just an accusation. But nevertheless she was drummed out within three months. Nothing, that I know of was ever proven either. She came from the first regiment that I joined, and of course a lot of things were heard through the grapevine, and from friends and non-commissioned officers regarding "Did you hear what happened to..." or Have you heard about so and so?" And being very cautious, I'd just remark "No, really, what?" Then they'd whisper "She's a lesbian." Of course then you'd have to feign surprise and shock. This woman was a very effective member of the regiment. They couldn't throw her out so they increased her workload so much that she could not carry out the duties assigned to her, she

could not function as a proper member of the regiment or attend mess functions. If you're incapable of doing your duties then that's one way of getting kicked out.

There's no coming out process in the military as you would experience in civilian life. There's just no process at all. The only coming out you do is if you're discovered. Then you have no choice as you become cross-Canada military news. Or you declare yourself as gay and request a discharge. If you're going to come out, it has to be to people you know you can trust implicitly. But there again you don't know who you can trust because you never know if someone will use that information against you. I think if I ever came out to anyone, it would be to someone I knew was gay. Not just someone who stated it but someone who had a lover or who had had relationships or went to gay bars when on leave or something to back up their claim. Anyone can come up to you and say that they are gay and you would naturally reciprocate by saying that you are also gay. But it might turn out that that guy is from the Secret Investigations Unit, and by then you've been nailed to the wall. So coming out is a very selective process.

There isn't a concerted effort by service people to search out other gays in the Armed Forces. You get to know more gay people the longer you stay in. It's just like anywhere else in society. But in the military nothing is really said about it. You stumble upon it and then you go from there. There is a certain percentage of gay people on any given base. You get to know one gay person and that person probably knows another lesbian stationed on the same base or somewhere else, so in that way a network is built up. When you're going to be transferred to a new base, your gay friend will say "I know so and so and he knows such and such a person. Drop in, here's her phone number." That's the only way to find out about the other gays in the Forces. Open enquiries are just too dangerous.



I've often come upon women in the mess who I would almost swear were gay. But I don't generally pursue the matter. If I see, the senior officer of NCO in question in the corridors or in the performance of my duties, our behaviour is very up and up. If it's an officer you give the correct military salute and greeting and continue on. If you get to know them, then *maybe* you can drop hints.

Gay service people do not really take pains to congregate in a gay ghetto. A homosexual male seen with other males is assumed to be just out "having a beer with the boys" because he's invisible as a gay person. The whole damn bunch of them could be gay but if they act properly in the military mess no one has to suspect anything. It's always a good thing to talk about your boyfriend, or your girlfriend if you're male, or your fiancée. One thing I find very funny about the Armed Forces is that everybody's got fiancée's but nobody's married.

I think Canadian lesbians in the Armed Forces differ a lot from their American counterparts. We haven't had the publicity that American servicewomen have had. I've found from my own experience that when the Americans come upon something like this there's generally a great whacking fuss about it. It's not confined to military courts martial or to Military Boards of Inquiry. Rather, it's splattered all over the damn newspapers, all over T.V., and all over the Armed Forces Radio and Television Network. It's ridiculous!

Another important difference is that a lot of American servicewomen who are lesbians have in some cases stood up to the military and legally challenged the Force's right to deny them a career solely because of their sexuality. I heard of one case where an American officer cadet informed her commanding officer that she was a lesbian. He summarily brought charges against her so she took the matter to court. The judge ruled that he had no right to release her from her duties because of her lesbianism. The military subsequently appealed the judge's decision.

You hear a lot of cases of American lesbians in the Navy who have been charged. There's just a lot of publicity down there. I think publicity can often be very frightening because it puts you on the spot, but it also tends to pump up one's backbone and it usually increases knowledge about homosexuality in the American Forces. Here in Canada there's a total news blackout concerning investigations into homosexuals.

American gay service people also have the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Gay Task Forces to go to bat for them. When you have two high-power organizations like that on your side it tends to make you feel a little better. But I'm not trying to say that being gay in the American Armed Forces is easier than being gay in the Canadian Armed Forces. It's still just as difficult, still just as traumatic, and you still lose your job. That's the bottom line. You still lose your job no matter who's on your side.

You always go to great lengths to hide your sexuality, obviously. It's not so much the fact that you don't have a boyfriend or a fiancée or you don't talk about men. It's just the little things that catch you. Some male could be talking about women and putting them down by using the most disgusting terms imaginable. Now, if a woman stands up and says "I beg your pardon. I object to that. That's *disgusting*," they will automatically turn around and say "What's your problem." So if a woman stands up for herself she can sometimes end up in big trouble.

If I was going to a social function outside of my own regimental activities I always mentioned that there were men in that group, and that I knew men while living here at my house. I mentioned the fact that my sisters lived here and that we have an all-female household, but naturally I never stated that we were lesbians. I would always mention, "my sister and her boyfriend..."

They really catch you more by omission than admission in most cases. It's what you don't say that nails you. You constantly have to catch yourself: "Do I say something or don't I?" And if you do say something you have to tell a lie. Then you have to tell another lie to back up the first lie. If you lie about having a boyfriend then you have to attend a unit function they inquire about his absence. You could say, "He's studying late tonight." But that excuse can be used only two or three times before someone vehemently reminds you that you *and* this boyfriend have received an official regimental invitation. "Where is he?" You are under incredible pressure to appear as a couple or a twosome. After using so many excuses you have to scramble find some nice man who will attend with you. But not many people are willing to do that for you.

When I do sometimes get time off from my duties, I make sure that I don't bring any identifiable gay reading material — and I never mention the fact that I've seen a gay movie.

It's gotten to the point where you don't dare say anything because if you mention that you've seen a gay movie, or a movie with a gay character, people will look at you in a state of horror and ask each other why you would want to see a sick movie like that. Of course you can't stand up and say that there's nothing sick about it, whether you're gay or you're straight. People would start looking at you with raised eyebrows. So yes, you guard your words and your actions whether on or off the base. If you are seen at a local gay club you have to try and pass it off. You could say "I just went with a friend of mine, I didn't know what kind of bar it was."

I try not to get into gay joke-telling or name calling on the base. We always tell each other that you should never get involved in something like that because it's wrong. And it is wrong. It puts down that person even more. Here you are having to hurl insults at someone who doesn't even know you. So I usually just shut up, turn around, and walk away.

I know many guys who indulge in a lot of calling-down of various members of the forces. If you're not macho enough, and can't heft around 40 pound artillery shells as well as some 200 pound ape, they think you're not man enough, so they cast slurs on you right away. Thus you don't even have to be gay to be called a queer.

You can be wimpy, but only in the glamour service. You can't be wimpy if you're an infantryman or an artilleryman. Forget it. But you can be wimpy if you're a pilot, because you've got to be small to fit in the damn cockpits. And besides, flyboys are glamour boys. They're the cream of the crop. So if some 200 pound infantryman with an IQ of '2' calls a pilot down, the pilot just turns around and says "yeah, right" and keeps on walking. So there are various levels of machismo and what you can and cannot do.

I think that the military is a good career in some ways. There are a lot of opportunities, and women are slowly being allowed to perform jobs that have traditionally been barred to them. If you find a trade that you like, and you wish to go into it, that's fine. If you enjoy doing that, and it's the life for you, then I can't say that you shouldn't do it. *But* if you are a lesbian and you want to pursue a career in the Armed Forces, then I would say that you should be prepared to have a very limited social life, and in some cases a very lonely life. Don't expect to find a lover in the next platoon or the next office. It doesn't happen. Don't expect to find gay friends. It doesn't happen. Don't expect to find people who are supportive and understanding. Forget it. It doesn't happen. Be prepared to lie a lot and to receive slurs against you as a woman first of all. And if you won't go out with these guys, be prepared to be called a lesbian because you won't put out. I'm not saying that the possibilities of having a social life are nil. I'm just saying that they are very limited and hard to come by, and you will have to be prepared to make a great personal sacrifice. If you can bury yourself in your job, fine. But how long is that going to last? Five years? Ten years? if you can subordinate your lifestyle and your feelings to your job, then I say go for it. You'll probably make a damn good officer, or sergeant, or whatever. But if you're not prepared to do that then always watch your step, look over your shoulder, be wary of people you talk to and if you do have gay friends, be prepared to be separated from them because transfers happen all the time. It's not an easy life.

The Army's always been the Army but somehow, somewhere, the Armed Forces have attained the image of glamour. I would tell anyone not to let the glamour fool them. Yes, you can have it if you want it. If you work hard enough you can have the glamour, and the nice postings. That all comes in time. But be prepared to sacrifice everything else that you hold important about your homosexuality. If you can put it (your homosexuality) in a nice little box and stick it in a closet then you'll have a wonderful career. If you can't, then I say prepare yourself for a long difficult life.

Gays and the Church

by Gilbert Bouchard
and Danielle Comeau

It was a nice day for a white wedding.

The minister, resplendent in his red and purple frock, stood solemnly in the chapel's sanctuary as the organist played the traditional wedding march. Fidgeting guests peered anxiously down the aisle as the white-clad bride gracefully slid by them, joining her nervously sweating mate before the minister.

Everything was just right: the fifty carefully chosen guests, the tasteful flower arrangements, and the joyous organ music. In fact, one hardly noticed the only thing missing was the groom. The two women, dressed in identical white suits, exchanged rings, kissed and were pronounced married before their weeping friends and relatives.

Events such as this lesbian wedding in Winnipeg are becoming more common as lesbians and gay men assert their right to participate in mainstream religious institutions.

Lesbians and gays are not only gathering together and forming their own fellowships and patronizing more liberal churches, they are even trying to educate and gain a foothold in established Christian Churches.

The church has been a source of hatred and pain for lesbians and gays for centuries. Church commanders have often outright rejected their gay parishioners, and followed this rejection with persecution.

Small wonder so many lesbians and gays desert organized religion.

Reverend Charles Bidwell says turning away from religion is no solution. "Everybody is religious," says Bidwell, an Edmonton-area minister for the Metropolitan Community Church, a non-denominational church which serves lesbians and gays exclusively.

Bidwell says the need for spirituality is still there, but many lesbians and gays have knuckled under heterosexual bullying and opted for dropping out of religion. That is changing, though, as increasing numbers of them set out to reclaim the spirituality homophobics have tried to deny them.

"Gays and lesbians have gifts to offer the Christian church," says Bidwell. "One gift is our growing understanding of the importance of embodying the spirit, reuniting the body and soul, and exploring the role of sexuality and sexual expression within a spiritual context."

"How many churches really get down to talking about sexual intimacy as a loving commitment to two people," says Bidwell. "They've lost the sense of celebration of sexual joining. Sexuality is a gift from God and we should celebrate it. Too many people are willing to do it in the dark and under the sheets and hope God doesn't see."

The MCC has chapters in most major North American cities and offer a home to God's wandering gay flock.

"We say that we offer a home for Christian worship, study and fellowship for anyone who feels alienated of rejected from their home church for whatever reason."

"We have been drawn together by a special need to find affirmation and support," he says. "This makes us a close, caring community."

A typical MCC service includes hymns, Bible readings, prayers and holy communion. "We try to incorporate things from all Christian traditions."

One stumbling block for Christian lesbians and gays is the Bible, whose interpretation, by straight men, has been used to condemn and persecute them. Bidwell says lesbians and gays are trying to reclaim the Bible by tracing the roots of its traditionally sexist and homophobic interpretation.

"Because the Bible has been used by some people to condemn us for what we are," says Bidwell, "we have been forced to do in-depth study of the scripture, their context and their meaning at the time they were written before we try to apply them."

Bidwell says the book *Homosexuality, Social Tolerance and Christianity* by Yale scholar John Boswell is a good text on the evolution of biblical homophobia.

"Boswell went though how homosexuality was viewed since before Christ to the 13th century," Bidwell says. "You can see the bias of the period, how words were assigned meanings and how translation evolved."

"For example, the word 'homosexual' in the Bible was translated from the Greek word meaning spineless, gutless or soft. later, that word was interpreted to mean effeminate and eventually homosexual," says Bidwell.

"In other cases, there is an outright condemnation of some behavior that even homosexuals will condemn—homosexual gang rape, for example. Homosexuality was not Sodom's only sin," says Bidwell.

Bidwell also points out that lesbianism is virtually ignored in the Bible "because society was so male dominated at the time it was written."

"People will go to the Bible to re-affirm their beliefs and will read what they want to read," says Bidwell. "It seems that some people can only feel positive by attacking something else."

"I don't see how this is an acceptance of Christ's acceptance of all oppressed people," says Bidwell. "Christ was a political rebel. If Christ came and saw what was being done to lesbians and gays, he would be the first to jump right in. If Christ were sitting in this room he wouldn't go, 'Do you do this or do you do that.' He would ask, 'What is your relationship to that person like? Are you helping that person's spirit? Are you helping them be loving and caring? Do you value and love that person? Do you have power over that person?'"

Bidwell says Christians are missing Christ's message when they oppress lesbians and gays, and have a moral responsibility to speak out against their persecution.

"We tend to get so hung up with who's putting what where, when we should be much more at arms about abusive people," he says.

The MCC is not the only church lesbians and gays are flocking to in their search for a non-oppressive worship environment. Many are seeking out religious organisations which are more humanist than Christian such as the Unitarian Universalists.

It is said of the Unitarians that anything goes in their loosely structured church because they have no dogma. The church is open to anyone including atheists, agnostics, and gays and lesbians. Unitarians

have long supported gay rights, have ordained gay ministers and perform gay marriages.

Lorraine Butchart is a Unitarian church member in Edmonton, and an organiser for a local gay and lesbian Unitarian chapter. She says such a group is important to increase lesbian and gay visibility within the church.

"In spite of the fact that Unitarian Universalists are very liberal, there are still individuals who are homophobic," she says. "Also, a lot of gays and lesbians are attracted to the church because they've heard we are open to gays, so we needed a visible presence in the church—both to overcome the homophobia and to welcome first time visitors."

Butchart says a motion passed at a national Unitarian conference in Banff last year affirmed "homosexuals as worthy individuals, discouraged prejudice against gay ministers, and encouraged the ordinance of gay union services."

"We also decided at this conference to form a national organization for lesbian and gay concerns," Butchart says. The Canadian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns is much like one in the U.S., which has existed since 1971.

Butchart says the group will be organizing workshops and study services to increase general awareness within the church.

But the struggle for gay spirituality does not end with special gay ministries and liberal churches. Many lesbian and gay Christians do not want to give up their religions and are taking the battle for acceptance into the pews and cathedrals of mainstream churches. Gay Anglicans, Catholics and United Church members have organized support groups which challenge their churches' prevailing homophobic theology.

Philip Knight says lesbians and gays should not all join liberal churches or gay ministries because that "leaves the mainline denominations unchallenged."

Knight, a spokesperson for a national gay Catholic group called Dignity, wants to reform his church from within. He says lesbians and gays must have a presence in their churches.

"Gays should have a place within mainline churches," says Knight. "If all the gays leave the mainline churches, the churches would say that homosexuality is not their business," he says. "But it is their business. It's their business because Christians are supposed to believe that Christianity is not a matter of cliques."

"Christianity shouldn't only be a religion for the respectable."

Like its counterparts in other denominations, Dignity chapters are active in most Canadian and U.S. cities. The group organizes masses, retreats, prayer groups, peer counselling and educational duties.

Knight says one of Dignity's goals is to "educate the church at all levels on homosexual issues."

"The psychological cruelty of the church is lessening, perhaps because groups like Dignity are educating the clergy," he says.

"Churches should deal with gays and lesbians," Knight says. "Many of us think that the question of whether Greeks should have been allowed into the early church."

"Christ came to do away with the law," he says. "Jesus broke down the partition in the temple between Greeks and Jews. Salvation is for everyone—without exception."

Knight is upset by the Catholic church's hypocritical acceptance of lesbians and gays while rejecting their lifestyle.

"They say you can be a homosexual in our church, have a homosexual orientation, but that you can't practice. That's like saying it's okay to be a bird but you can't fly."

"God made you as you are and accepts you as you are," Knight says, "but to have marked you for involuntary chastity by your birth is an extraordinary thing for a merciful God to do. No one can tell a homosexual that it is his vocation to be chaste since a vocation has to be chosen."

The issue of sexual activity is a pressing one for lesbian and gay Christians. There is much pressure put on them by their churches, if they must be gay, to at least remain chaste. This somehow makes their gayness easier to accept.

Last August, the United Church general council debated a report which called for the ordination of openly gay or lesbian candidates. The report was eventually tabled, but not before much acrimonious debate. The message to the Church's lesbians and gays was clear, though—stay celibate.

Reverend Eilbert Frerichs is the openly gay United Church chaplain at the University of Toronto. He is also a spokesperson for AFFIRM, the United Church group for lesbians and gays.

Frerichs says it is a lot to ask gays and lesbians, especially if they want to be ministers, to remain celibate when it is not expected of their heterosexual counterparts.

"In the Christian tradition, celibacy is seen as a special vocation, as a gift from God, given to some, not all," he says. "It's not something that can be imposed."

AFFIRM operates as a support and lobby group. Prior to last August's general council meeting in Morden, Manitoba, AFFIRM members gathered in Winnipeg to plan strategies for the meeting.

One problem lesbian and gay religious groups have is the less than full participation of lesbians.

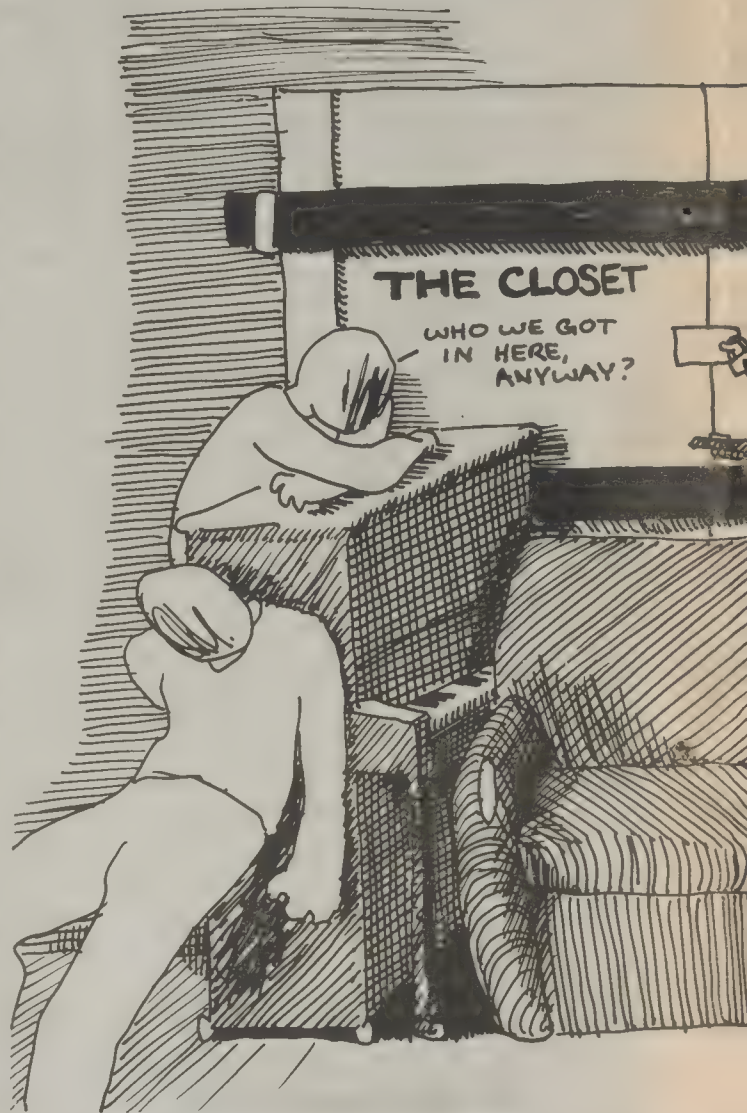
Dignity's Knight says his group is predominately male because "it's very hard to convince women that the Catholic Church is a place for them. Many lesbians feel that the Church is totally irrelevant."

Lorraine Butchart agrees, adding "most women who have come out have already grown out of the church."

"Lesbianism tends to be more spiritual in nature," Butchart says. "Gay men have the bar and clubs as their social outlets and it's a fact of life that there is more casual sex among the men."

"I think the men search for their spiritual needs in the Church because their spiritual needs aren't being met in their social outlets," she says.

So, like the blushing brides at the lesbian wedding in Winnipeg, lesbian and gay Christians are shaping heterosexual religious traditions into something relevant to their lives and experiences.



Gays and th

by Denise Whalen

Campus homosexuals comprise about 16 to 20 per cent of the students employed by the Students' Union. Although these figures may elicit raised eyebrows among the uninformed, these numbers are generally in line with homosexual representation within the population at large.

You can find homosexuals working at almost every Students' Union outlet on campus—L'Express, Store Plus More, the Games Area, Dewey's, and possibly others as well. Their invisibility protects them from any blatant form of verbal or physical abuse. The possibility of this type of harassment taking place is believed to be quite remote by most gay Students' Union employees, given the relatively relaxed working conditions and enlightened attitudes of their straight colleagues. The general rule is that gay employees will come out to selected fellow workers, but not to supervisors.

An employee of Dewey's, who wishes to remain anonymous, considers herself very fortunate since she has come out to almost all her colleagues and has not been rejected by any of them. Her situation is also quite unique in that her fellow workers also know and accept her as a lesbian lover. They are looked upon as a couple and treated as such. "This acceptance definitely helps to keep our relationship a stable one."

An employee of L'Express, who wishes to remain anonymous, has come out of the closet to those employees with whom he works on a regular basis. His decision to come out—and this seems to be the rule rather than the exception—was not a spontaneous one. Danica Frazer, also a L'Express employee, gets along extremely well with her gay colleagues, and has never seen any homophobic behaviour directed toward them.

Other heterosexual Students' Union employees also seem to echo this "live and let live" attitude. John Lamb, a Store Plus More employee, believes that things would change very little if a gay employee came out to him. "I would respect their right to privacy as long as they didn't push it. Of course I would feel uncomfortable if approached on the job by a fellow employee, but I wouldn't expect to be propositioned by a customer either. One thing that would change for

Boys will be boys

by Geoffrey Jackson

My first awareness that there are two types of 'boys' in this world came when I was about five years old. At that time my best friend in the whole world was Eric Rowntree, a curly-haired kid who lived just a block from my house. We walked to school together, we played together, we were damn near inseparable. We also used to hold hands as we walked on the street. That is, we did until some nasty-faced brat called us a 'couple of fruits.' Neither Eric nor I had any real idea what that meant but we could tell it was shameful and so the hand holding stopped.

That was the beginning of an indoctrination most males go through, a process that can leave you convinced that homosexuality is a repulsive and intolerable condition. Of course, I grew up and learned about these things. Luckily I somehow avoided being brainwashed by the macho party line. I assume a 'cool' attitude about these things but it had little basis in real life. I suppose I could have gone on my whole life with a foggy and ill-defined attitude about the whole issue: not hostile but essentially indifferent.

But an abstract issue can suddenly become very concrete. This is what happened to me. About four years ago I lived in a big wreck of a house with a gang of friends. That's when I met Frank, one of my best friends. He is a great guy: funny, loyal, the sort of happy rowdy person you want on your side. We have never lost touch with each other even though we now live in different cities.

Three years ago Frank came out of the closet and told all of his straight friends, including me, that he was gay. The whole thing made him very upset, he was so afraid of losing all his old friends. Luckily somehow, all of us were smart enough to realize that his sexuality was irrelevant to the very real love and friendship we all felt for him. Yet we were also being hip, doing what we thought was 'cool.'

I handled the situation by treating Frank exactly as I had before. We went out to movies, gabbed over hamburgers, all just like before. The only difference was a great avoidance of any sexual topic. And I was not the only one doing this sort of thing. Most of us were handling our discomfort by treating Frank like a neuter person.

Finally Frank took me by the arm one night. Since he had come out everybody had studiously avoided any reference to his new life. "Didn't anybody care?" he asked. The most important decision of his life and everyone acted as if nothing had happened.

So we began talking. Not only about how nervous he had been coming out but also how glad he was to have finally found what he wanted in life. He told me about the bars and the strange codes and the brief transitory nature of most of the affection he found. I listened and comprehended his words, but real understanding eluded me. It was a report from another country, a place I never could travel to.

There is a great deal of fear and hatred felt by straight men towards gays, some of it reciprocated. I really believe this is a form of xenophobia, an irrational fear of the foreign. Gays are living a strange

and incomprehensible lifestyle that is seen as an implicit challenge to all the macho sexual values we have had banged into our heads.

The gulf between our worlds became very clear last summer. Frank and I were watching the diving at the Olympics. Frank could not resist saying all sorts of lusty things about those perfect male bodies. I had to do a strange mental double take. I had never looked at a man's body as a sexual thing, an object to be desired. I kidded Frank, telling him to get his tongue off the floor, but at the same time I began to compare those male divers to the female divers I lusted after. I was doing a mental sort of equation: if I feel this looking at her breasts, and he feels that looking at that guy's ass, are these the same feelings? It was a queasy and strange sort of exercise but it led me to some realizations.

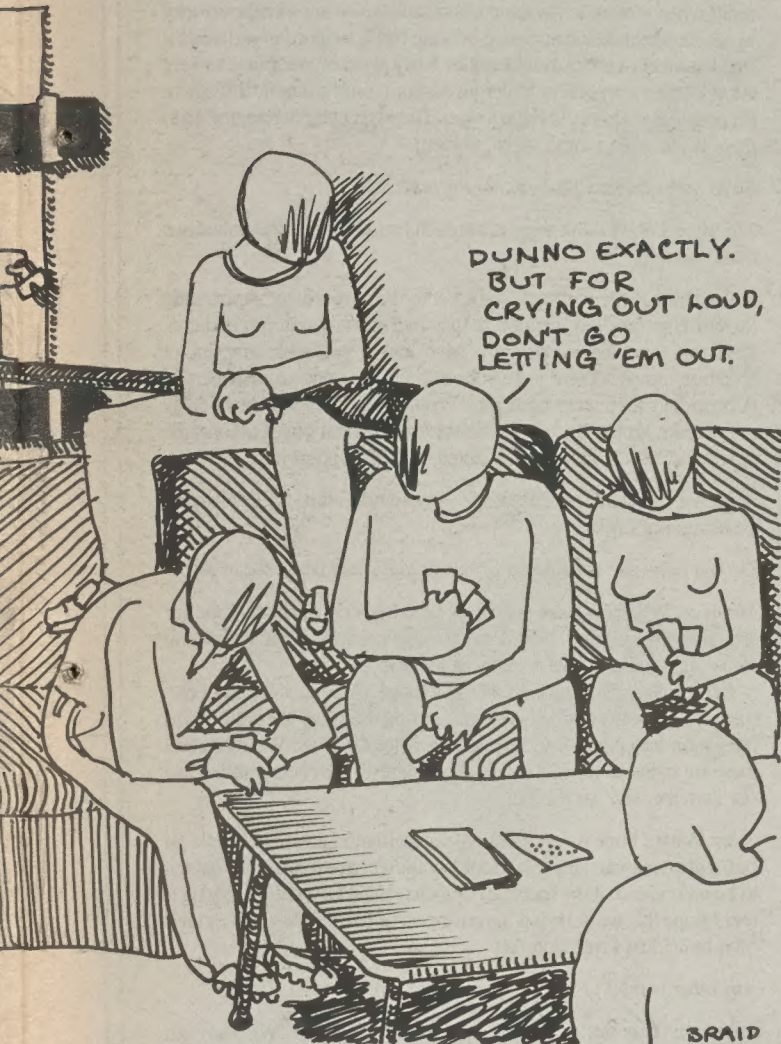
I believe much of the disgust straight men feel towards gays arises out of a moral interpretation of desire. A man's desire for a woman is 'good.' A man's desire for another man is 'bad.' Such moral judgements would be better made on the basis of the results of an act, not whether or not we, ourselves, would want to commit the act. I cannot find any evil in two men loving each other. They harm no one and they enrich each others lives. Rephrased on a more human level: I have seen Frank in the company of his lover, their love make him very happy. No one has the right to deny Frank that happiness, yet many would.

This is the only real problem in having a gay friend. If you truly care for him as a friend should, then you cannot help but feel a deep concern. There is nothing easy about the gay lifestyle, nor is it getting easier. Most of us smug straights can at least feel naively optimistic about a life ahead with the wife and kids. For most gay men such long term commitment is an unattainable fantasy. Though thankfully there are exceptions, generally their world consists of short term affairs, myriad in variety but short on commitment.

Edmond White has suggested in an article that a preoccupation with physical pleasure was an innate aspect of male sexuality, hence the intense polygamy of gay relationships. The fault of this view lies in the word 'innate.' I believe this preoccupation is real but it is the result of social conditioning. A gay man, as much as any other man, receives this conditioning, a conditioning that makes us all too carnal and physical in our appetites.

Perhaps also, it is inevitable that relationships become transitory when a society represses any open expression of their existence. Few gays living in this city, or even on this campus, would be so fool-hardy as to embrace or hold hands in public. They know the violence and abuse they could suffer. Their world must exist underground, a place ill-suited to long term commitments.

So I worry about Frank. Because of what he is a great number of cards are laid against him. I have even renamed him because if I were to use his real name I would be jeopardizing his job, his family ties, even his tenancy in his apartment. I resent that my friend has to live under that sort of threat, a threat born of ignorance and irrational fear. He is a good man who deserves the freedom to live his life as he chooses.



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sure is the way I interacted with him. I would not view him in the same light, but I certainly would not feel any homophobia."

Students who patronize the various Students' Union outlets have divided feelings about the issue, though most take a slight pro-homosexual stance. Siobhan Muldowny, a first-year Science student, feels that an individual's sexuality should not be an issue at all.

"Homosexuals work for the Students' Union? So what! What's the big deal? Personally, I think that homosexuality is unnatural, but that it should have nothing to do with a person's employment."

Both Francis Burnett, a special student in Pharmacy, and M. Moose, a D.J. for CJSR, believe that homosexual tendencies are not unnatural and that sexuality should not play a part in hiring practices.

All Students' Union employees belong to CUPE, local 1368. Although the collective agreement does not specifically state that homosexuals are protected from sexual harassment and dismissal, any SU area manager who tried to harass a student would probably not get away with it.

Both Floyd Hodgins, Students' Union president, and Gordon Stamp, SU vice-president internal, have stated unequivocally that any Students' Union manager found guilty of harassing or dismissing an employee because of his or her sexuality would be dismissed outright. Neither of them have received any complaints from gay SU employees about unfair treatment while they have been in office.

Gayle Morris, one of two Students' Union Ombudpersons, states that the doors of the Ombudservice are open to any gay SU employee who is experiencing difficulties at work.

"The Ombudservice could be used as a channel for complaints of sexual harassment, but only the SU executive has actual jurisdiction over area managers," Morris says. "We would co-operate with the SU executive in laying charges or taking other appropriate measures."

However, the proper chain of command for any SU employee experiencing difficulties at work would be for him or her to see their Union Steward or the SU business manager, who would then make the employee's concerns known to the SU executive.

Why

I've struggled to understand.
My mind has been tortured with the question.
I've prayed and fought against it!
I was ignorant and scared.
Why are some one way and others another?
I didn't ask to be this way.
Something in me was always different.
I know that now, I accept it!
I am happy with it.
There is no reason to remain preoccupied with the question.
Does it really need an answer?
The knowledge that I am is enough.
I am merely a unique human being, amongst
a world of unique human beings.
Nothing more, nothing less.
I only ask to be accepted as I have accepted myself.

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A matter of equal rights

John Doyle and Maureen Warren are two representatives from GALA, Gay and Lesbian Awareness, an umbrella group of all the gay and lesbian groups in Edmonton.

They are presently part of the Human Rights Commission campaign for 22 amendments to the Individual Rights Protection Act, which includes an amendment to combat discrimination against homosexuals.

My first impression of GALA's campaign was that it was practical. GALA, according to its representatives, has focussed on this issue of homosexuals losing their jobs, not ideals of equality and open-mindedness. These ideals are part of any fight against discrimination. But the specific issue is straightforward and the timing is excellent.

I also admire the courage of the individuals who I interviewed, Maureen Warren and John Doyle and I thank them for having taken the time to speak to me.

by Anne Grever

I understand you are petitioning the government to have the rights of gays and lesbians recognized. How are you going about that?

John: We're not precisely petitioning the government. What's happening is the Human Rights Commission, which works in conjunction with the Dept. of Labor, has been considering the question for the last four years. It's resurfaced a few times during the last four years and at one point it was part of the recommendations given to the Ministry of Labor. Then, because they chose not to do anything about it, the HRC (I suppose not to look ineffectual) dropped it from its recommendations. But, I think, for the large part because of a more or less constant flow of people going to them having lost their job because they are gay or lesbian, has forced the commission to reconsider and resuggest to the government to include all of those other items in non-discrimination legislation. So our petition to the government has more to do with what their own Human Rights body has suggested to them. We're hoping to convince them to do so.

Maureen: So we're reacting, you could say, to the Human Rights Commission.

So it's your group as a whole that is involved?

Maureen: We represent GALA, that represents all the lesbian and gay groups in Edmonton and a number of people who are just working on their own

So what exactly are you doing? Writing letters...?

Maureen: The process is that the HRC recommends about 22 amendments to the Individual Rights Protection Act. But none of that is in place. What happens is government legislation has to be approved by caucus before it goes before the legislature. So a committee of caucus has to look at it before it goes before caucus. The committee of caucus that is looking at this legislation is the Health and Social Service committee of caucus which has 8 members. Three members of GALA met with Les Young, Minister of Labor. Then GALA as a whole with about another 40 people met with this committee of caucus of Health and Social Services. Four of us made presentations and then they asked us a few questions and then, if indeed this legislation goes through, the committee of caucus will recommend it to caucus, caucus votes on it, then it goes through as legislation.

So you're just working on the first step now?

Maureen: Yes, but the next steps could come quite quickly. If the committee of caucus approves it, which could be in the next week and a half, then it will go to caucus. And of course all of this will happen before the spring session opens.

What has been your biggest problem so far? I've assumed its been political apathy. I can imagine most politicians are not enthusiastic about picking up such a controversial issue.

Maureen: I think there have been a number of problems. I think there is one single issue that the gay and lesbian community has been united around. The problem is that the majority of gays and lesbians in this province live quietly in the suburbs. They pay their taxes, cut their grass, some of them bring up children. And because this legislation is not in place, they are not ready to speak out. The people in the suburbs, no matter how badly they want the legislation passed, are not being vocal. And that's part of the gay community.

The other part of the problem is that some of the ministers and MLA's are not very receptive to the idea. The five MLA's we met with expressed reluctance — those who talked, most didn't talk.

What were their reasons for their reluctance?

Maureen: Well, Mr. Woo (MLA—Sherwood Park) said there would probably be a backlash. We said, "give us the legislation, we'll live with the backlash."

John: I think there's a problem with talking to legislators because I think they take it as a pretence that personal concerns are not the grist on which legislation should be passed. One of the difficulties we have is convincing them that although sexual acts per se are personal, what we are talking to them about is of a public nature. It's an anomalous issue. The probably haven't discussed it among themselves on a personal level. My guess is that to them the political arena is for open conflicts of interest on which they arbitrate with legislation. Because the type of discrimination that people feel most of the time happens on a personal level, they feel it's not their mandate to act on it. I doubt that they sincerely believe there is no discrimination.

Just the topic of sexuality itself scares them. Few politicians consider themselves experts on aspects of sexuality and because in their mind this is what's in question they choose not to become involved. But the

issue is not our sexuality; it's the discrimination that results from it. But they refuse to make the distinction.

Maureen: Mr. Young was very specific in his responses to letters people have written him. He says your sexual orientation is the same as your religion. Don't tell anyone about it, nobody will know and you won't lose your job.

But there is legislation protecting against discrimination on the basis of religion.

Maureen: Precisely. You cannot discriminate against people on the basis of religious beliefs. But he doesn't say that. He says it's quiet, don't tell anyone and you won't lose your job.

But in essence heterosexual people flaunt it everyday. Flaunt it by who they take their vacation with. Flaunt it by what they did on the weekend. Even when you fill out forms of who you live with — there are many different areas where you can't hide homosexuality. Many people are very successful but you find yourself living a schizophrenic life. That's why a number of us, John and myself included, have decided we're not going to go through that bullshit anymore. We are going to be who we are and we're going to live that out and let whatever fall down around it. We're prepared to live with the consequences.

You mentioned public support earlier. How widespread is your public support?

Maureen: It's interesting because there was a survey done in Canada, a Gallup poll in 1977, that reported that 52 per cent of Canadians found legal protection, human rights protection for homosexuals acceptable to them. Now we don't have figures for Canada, but in 1984, a poll done by *Newsweek* found that 65 per cent of Americans found this protection acceptable. So we can assume that in Canada, whose culture is not terribly different than the American culture, if a survey was done now, the figures would have increased. So our argument is that in not passing legislation the government is actually lagging behind the general public. That the general public is actually in favor of legislation to protect homosexuals from discrimination in their jobs. Now that's not to say that the general public is in favor of homosexuals — you don't have to think that homosexuality is good for you or for your children — all it has to say is that you're in favor of equal rights. A basic simple thing that homosexuals have an equal right to work. They should be dismissed from their jobs anytime they are incompetent — anybody should be dismissed from their jobs anytime they're incompetent or if they don't follow the ethics of their profession. That's a right for dismissal. There is not any one of us that doesn't agree on that. What we do believe is that if the sole reason you happened to be dismissed is because you're homosexual, then that is not good enough.

How do the politicians react when you bring to their attention the widespread public support for equal rights?

Maureen: I think one of the things we did at the legislature that moved me the most, and other people I've spoken to, is the 40 or so of us that went there, all introduced our selves and gave our jobs. And we were really a cross section. There were people who were independent businessmen, oilmen, nurses, teachers and only one man there was unemployed. It was very important, we felt, for them to see us as people.

And I think that is where the problem comes from Politicians are still dealing with their stereotypes. They have all kinds of fears of us.

John: It is unfortunate that although at any point 10 per cent of the population might be gay or lesbian there isn't a sort of visible way that people can acknowledge them. Most gays and lesbians choose to live in that absence of a social mediator and as a result what resides in people's mind, is sort of leftover, half-ideas people have devised for very different reasons. I think the image of the homosexual as a prevert, child molester, as rapacious men, violent women etc, etc, probably has something to do with elements of social control or leftover need for mythologies.

Because gay and lesbian people haven't chosen to seize upon the ordinary in their lives, they've been a portion of the bizarre and as a result when you try to discuss an issue, unless you are somehow lucky to have a preinterested audience, you are being assigned in advance a small number of preformed identities. Not just stereotypes, but your very effort is either immoral or ludicrous and as a result it is quite difficult to get people in authority to listen to you. This aspect you're bringing up to them is not quite a valid social problem

So its the politicians problem not the public's?

Maureen: I don't think there is as much fear abroad as the politicians think there is.

John: This has been brought up before to the government. Apparently the last time they did mention it, they had a lot of mail pro and con. And this time they apparently have had a negligible amount of literature against. There were editorials in two major newspapers in Alberta and they were both pro. We also have a long list of fairly mainstream groups and organizations: professional organizations, the Anglican Church, the United Church, that do support it.

Maureen: Alberta Social Work Association, the AFL (Alberta Federation of Labor).

Do you have any other hopes of results that could come out of this?

Maureen: When our three people spoke to Les Young, he said if the fair employment (act) was passed, we'd likely get an anti-discrimination clause in housing. So, we're likely to get both or none.

Part of our presentation to them included "Alberta is for all of us." This is their motto on their posters. And we feel they should put this legislation into place to insure Alberta is for all of us. We really feel these are rights-to-work, to live with whomever we choose and to live our lives the way we choose.

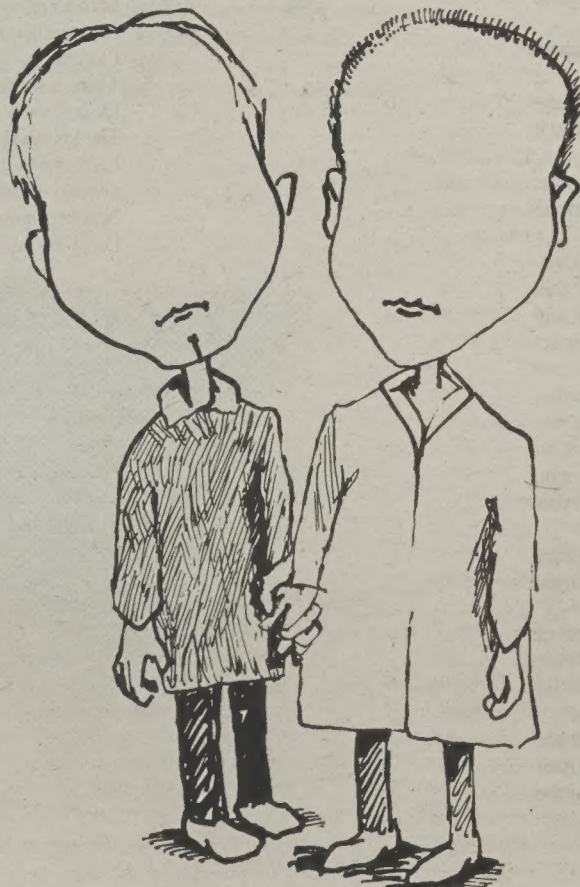
John: What I hope is that if this type of legislation passed, it would be out of greater awareness that people shouldn't have to suffer for having to be on one end of the spectrum of society. Maybe what I'm saying is that I hope this would bring the government back to the spirit of their own Individual Protection Act.

Any other points?

Maureen: This started out as an Edmonton group. We have an equivalent group in Calgary now doing the same work and this weekend we're going to Red Deer so that we see this as a province-wide move.

We are encouraging people to write letters to the MLA's and if possible meet with their MLA's. Many MLAs are people who have never met a homosexual and are aware of that: So we want people to meet in groups of 2 or 5 with them. Get together and say "I'm gay." I'm your constituent and there are 250,000 gays and lesbians in Alberta. Am I a threat to you? Dammit, give me this legislation.

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Woolf: a woman misunderstood

Reviewed by S. Millan
Canadian University Press

A new book provides fascinating insight into the life and loves of one of the finest woman writers of all time. The Letters of Vita Sackville-West to Virginia Woolf, edited by Louise de Salvo and Mitchell Leaska, are extensively footnoted, providing an informative introduction to these two women.

Vita Sackville-West met Virginia Woolf in 1922 at a dinner party. Both writers, they soon became friends, and then lovers. Though both were married, the two women depended on each other for love and affection, and much of their passion can be seen in the letters they exchanged for two decades until Woolf's death.

As fascinating as their love affair was the contrast in their personalities. Sackville-West, an aristocrat, was primarily a poet. Woolf, of a more modest background, became renowned for her literary criticism, and later, novel writing.

Though Woolf was by far the better writer of the two, that did not impede their love affair. Sackville-West was proud to have caught such "a silver fish," while Woolf was fascinated by her lover's aristocracy and the "pronounced Sapphist" in her. Both became an integral part of the Bloomsbury literary circle.

The lesbian relationship blossomed just before Sackville-West was due to leave for Persia. The letters written during this journey provide some of the most fabulous descriptions, and criticisms, of stuffy British diplomacy as embodied by her husband, Harold Nicholson. Woolf's replies were a mix of missing Vita and breath of Bloomsbury.

Often the two women wrote about their literary works in progress, especially after Sackville-West started to publish with the Hogarth press, which was run by the Woolfs. Sackville-West was full of praise for Woolf's writing, and Woolf complimented Vita's works. Their comments made for good criticism of their works, and provide some of the most intimate moments in the work. Sackville-West once wrote that she considered her most intimate letters to be the ones where she wrote about the words she was writing.

In 1927, Woolf decided to write Orlando, which has been called the longest love letter in English literature. Orlando was said to be a pseudo-biography of Sackville-West, starting in 1500, including asex change, up to 1928. Vita was delighted with the idea and Virginia's letters are filled with questions for Vita to answer about her life for the novel. Sackville-West was teased, photographed and questioned for the book, and not told anything about it until it arrived on her door step.

Sackville-West loved the book, and sales of Orlando rocketed in England and the United States. Vita wrote many letters of thanks to Virginia. One of them describes how someone, on being introduced to her, immediately shouted 'Orlando.' Virginia wrote back teasingly:

"... A woman writes that she has to stop and kiss the page when she reads O(rlando); —Your race I imagine. The percentage of lesbians is rising in the states, all because of you."

The novel cemented a friendship that was cooling off as Sackville-West pursued different women. The rest of their letter still contain examples of the great affection they had for one another. "Dear Mrs. Woolf, (That appears to be the suitable formula.) I regret that you have been in bed, though not with me—(a less suitable formula.)" writes Vita. Says Virginia: "... I'm longing for adventure, dearest creature. But would like to stipulate for at least 48½ minutes alone with you. Not to say or do anything in particular. Mere affection..."

Their affection for each other intensified during illnesses. Sackville-West became quite maternal to Woolf and often cut down their visits and letter out of concern for her health. Vita once had a village boy deliver a letter to Virginia while in town rather than visit and drew this

response: "Oh you scandalous ruffian! When Cook came up to me with letter... with the story that a lady stopped a little boy in the village and then him I was so furious I almost sprang after you in my nightgown..."

In the end Virginia was ill more often as her battle with insanity went on. Her letters are still crisp and intelligent but the underlying illness is noticeable in them. Sackville-West's letters show great concern for her. Woolf wrote her last letter to Vita a few days before her suicide, without revealing the depth of her fear of insanity.

On March 28, 1941, Virginia Woolf committed suicide out of fear she would go mad again. Sackville-West stated much later that if she had known how Woolf was feeling she might have saved her. Given the great love demonstrated in hter letters, Sackville-West was probably right.

Eyes

Eyes of sorrow, eyes of pain
Are staring out at me again
They gaze at me with marked disgrace
And melt into another face

The only thing that I can do
Is wonder what I feel
I can't begin to comprehend
The phantoms or the real
I'll never know what brought to me
Emotions that I've fought
I only know I can't pretend
To feel what I am not

In the back room of my mind
There lives two empty eyes
They dialate, retaliate-
And scream out bitter lies
They see the inside-out of me
And never leave my side
I feel I've lost my space in time
And given up my pride

Eyes of sorrow, eyes of pain
Are staring out at me again
They gaze at me with marked disgrace
And melt into another face

Melting my disgrace

Why?...Because!
K.F.
I've struggled to understand.
My mind has been tortured with the question

I've prayed and fought against it!
I was ignorant and scared.
Why are some one way, and others another?

I didn't ask to be this way.
Something in me was always different.
I know that now, I accept it.
I am happy with it!
There is no reason to remain preoccupied with the question

Does it really need an answer?
The knowledge that I am is enough
I am merely a unique human being,
amongst a world of unique human beings
Nothing more, nothing less

I only ask to be accepted as I have accepted myself.

Doug Kaiser

Asian gays start stepping out

One of the main characteristics of the gay community is its diversity, which may reflect the various ethnic minority gay groups in the community itself.

For a long time, homosexuality has been seen as an "exclusively white people phenomenon." However, in recent years, gays and lesbians from ethnic backgrounds — especially the Chinese and others of Asian origin — have become more and more visible. There has been an increasing awareness of racial and cultural minorities within the North American gay community. About eight Asian gay groups have been formed in North America, two of them in Canada. They are the Gay Asians of Vancouver and the Gay Asians of Toronto. To many straights, it is surprising that gay men and lesbians of Asian origin exist at all!

From this development, it is clear that Asian gays and lesbians have made a difficult, painful and complicated decision of coming out. They are now slowly beginning to assert themselves, looking to each other for support and identification, to understand their own homosexuality.

However, to be an Asian gay is no easy task. Here I use Chinese gays as an illustration. It is really difficult for a Chinese gay to be both Chinese and gay simultaneously. Why? Although evidence of homosexuality has been found in China for at least 3,000 years in the form of historical documents, ancient Chinese pictures, novels, figures and mythological stories, modern Chinese (whether they live in Mainland China, Taiwan or Hong Kong) use silence as a gay policy which in turn is a method of control.

The mass media rarely mentions homosexuality, but when it does, it does so in stereotypical terms. party of China on the subject is: "There is no homosexuality in China." As a result, the vast majority of Chinese really believe and feel that "there are no homosexual Chinese. This kind of sexual activity is only a foreign vice. It's just like social disease. We should try our best to prevent it from entering our society, which is based on the ideal of Confucism."

Confucism has been the base of Chinese values and morality for the past 5,000 years. It is extended-family and malechauvinist oriented as well, so no wonder Confucism is so homophobic!

Western Judeo-Christian, psychoanalytical and behaviorist tradition also reinforce the homophobia of traditional Confucist Chinese. When Europeans arrived in China, they saw men holding hands in the streets. Feeling uneasy, they said, "Look! What a barbaric and primitive culture this is! Man loving man! This is a foreign vice, a mortal sin. We must civilize them and save them through Christianity!" Although the Chinese did not convert to Christianity in large numbers, the harsh Christian attitude toward homosexuality did reinforce the already anti-gay prejudice of the Confucist Chinese, which lasted into this century in Hong Kon, Tai wan, and Communist China.

Thus, under such conditions, how can a Chinese gay accept his/her own orientation? After all, "only the foreigners do it! You betray your own family, friends, race, culture and even your country if you are gay!" It seems that a Chinese gay must make a painful and unfortunate choice between two identities: Chinese or gay, but not both! As a result,

most Chinese gays just escape from their true self. and self-oppression are strong. Most just lead a lonely, isolated and unhappy life.

Unfortunately, an Asian gay in North America bears the burden of being a double minority. Double minority means that we are marginal men, both to the gay community and to our own ethnic community. And racism sometimes occurs in the gay community. Ethnic minority gays are ignored and feel alienated. It is hopeful that the gay community should be more sensitive to that issue. In Australia, ethnic minority gays have been denied access to certain gay establishments and a new group emerged, called Gays Against Racism.

But times are beginning to change. Asian gays and lesbians are beginning to find their "roots" and identities. At present, Asian gays in North America are not only starting to assert their roles within the gay community, but also try to contact their own ethnic community as well. Gay Asian groups should not be seen as "separatists" within the gay circle. Instead, it is a revelation of our own rich legacy: diversity within the community. It is also a chance for mutual dialogue, mutual respect, understanding and cultural exchange.

After all, homosexuality is an international minority issue, and there is a basic unity among gays whichever race is concerned.

Finally, as a member of a double minority, I should say that the visibility of an Asian (Chinese) gay in *The Gateway* should not become an excuse (for certain highly prejudiced people) to develop a negative stereotype for all Asian and Chinese foreign students.

To do so is not only unjust to me, but also to all Asian and Chinese students.

GATE: Gays Organize

By Gilbert Bouchard

The Gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE) is entering its 15th year of organizing and supporting the Edmonton gay and lesbian community.

"GATE was formed almost 15 years ago near campus in the Garneau area," says GATE education director Barry Mills.

"GATE was originally formed mostly by U of A professors and has had various locations over the years. We eventually moved downtown to be more accessible to the community at large."

Mills said GATE's first mandate is to "provide social services with information counselling coming a close second."

"We do allow access to those who want to get involved in civil rights, but our first duty is to provide services," said Mills. He added that several other groups like Vocal Minority, a gay choir, Gay Fathers of Edmonton and Gay Alcoholics," said Mills. "GATE does have that facility of offering the umbrella to people who want to start up a new group."

"Our organization has no one leader," said Mills. "We have a very extensive (30 pages) constitution and a very elaborate structure, including 10 executive positions for 250 members. Decisions are made by consensus on the executive and we're guided by the membership."

Executive positions include social services director, library director, social events director, education director and women's issues director.

The social services director is in charge of peer counselling," said Mills.

The director trains his counsellors using a course by psychiatrist and psychotherapist Tom Meed. "The counsellors don't prescribe behavior or tell people what to do. We just help gay people who have problems."

Problems that can't be helped by just talking are referred to gay positive psychiatrists. "We're very distressed by psychiatrists who too often try to change behavior and sexual orientation," said Mills.

"Psychiatrists and psychotherapists see all of gay life as problematic. They have a set approach to gayness and aren't even aware of the health of the gay community. As peer counsellors we provide that area of calm and quiet where people can discuss their problems and we try to destroy the myths about sexual orientation," said Mills.

GATE's library director organizes GATE dances and other social events," said Mills. "GATE dances are for men and women. We like to get together and have uproarious times — both lesbians and gay men."

GATE also has a civil rights director, but this position is vacant at present.

The education director also works with the social services director to "organize and help educate the community at large with the facts of gay life.

"We have a speakers' list of people we send to speak, not as spokespersons for the gay community, but to share their experiences as gay men and women," said Mills.

"GATE also has a woman's issues director who organizes contacts, information and events specifically for lesbians," he said. "It seems that

it is more complicated for women who are not only exploring their homosexuality, but they are also involved in feminist issues. So it's very important to have this position."

GATE is located at #104 10173-104 st. and offers a drop-in

resource room for people who want to be with other gays. GATE is open Monday through Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. "You don't have to be a member of GATE to avail yourself to the services," said Mills.

Gays organize at U of A

By Suzette C. Chan

Although it has been in operation since October, Gays and Lesbians on Campus (GLOC), the organization for U of A students, staff and faculty, has built up a large membership and has set out to fulfill many goals.

"Our organization exists to provide a gay-positive meeting atmosphere for the students, staff and faculty," says Tony, a GLOC organizer and founder. "We exist to promote the gay and lesbian lifestyle through education and awareness campaigns and to work with other gay positive groups."

Tony says most of the activities GLOC has engaged in this year are

Parts of You

As the fragments of your heart
Fall slowly to the floor
The last tear drops and fades away
Begging for no more
A sunset passes through your soul
The shadows look so bright
All your past has fled by now
Reduced to black and white

Parts of you will scream and shout
and rock the empty sky
Parts of you are true, I think
But parts of you are lies

No one ever said to you
The words you need to hear
No one ever thought of you
They let you disappear
The only hope that's left for you
Is wrapped up in your pride
Emotions you once freely dealt
Are all locked up inside

Parts of you are cold as ice
And parts are tenderness
Parts of you are fading fast
While others try their best

And so it's passing after all
Exhausted every need
You'll never know these things again
No matter how you plead
You're indisposed, a brick, a stone
You've nothing left to say
But you know it doesn't matter
No one hears you anyway

Parts of you will walk on past
And parts will stay behind
Parts of you are losing ground
And lost inside your mind

Doug Kaiser

informational. "We've had an information booth set up in SUB, which was very well received. After Reading Week, we will be bringing in speakers (a talk on gays and spirituality is in the works) and we'll bring in an NFB film in mid-March."

GLOC also plans to participate in off-campus events. "We're sending a delegate to the Coming Alive in '85 conference in Vancouver, which is sponsored by UBC for campus gay and lesbian groups," says Tony. "Also, we'll be participating in Gay Pride Week (June 20 to 27)." The group has also worked with the GALA (Gay and Lesbian Awareness) Human Rights committee.

Tony doubts GLOC will plan to set up a counselling service. "GATE (Gay Alliance Toward Equality) has excellent counselling services, so we don't feel the need to set up one ourselves, especially with the limitation of our resources."

GLOC will approach the Students' Union Board for operating funds and money to set up a library. "We would carry books and magazines like *Rites* and *Body Politic*."

Tony says if the group was made aware of a case of discrimination against a lesbian or gay man on campus, "we'd refer it to the ombudservice. We would support them (those who file complaints), but we don't have the skills to counsel them. We might offer educational services on discrimination at the same time the ombudservice looks into it."

With 75 members, GLOC is welcome by the gay community on campus and it is also getting along with the university administration and the SU. "We've been getting really positive response from the SU and we may get office space," says Tony. "The important thing to remember is that GLOC exists to maintain visibility for lesbians and gay men because they are an integral part of the university."

"The gays and lesbians on this campus are so invisible. I think the university might be marginally more liberal than the rest of the community, but it depends on which part of the university you're talking about. In terms of response from the administration and the SU, it's been neutral in most cases, positive in some. I don't think we've been singled out."

Students, staff and faculty wishing more information on GLOC may contact the Students' Union at 432-4241 or Student Help at 432-4266.

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